

Australians Eager To Get Jet Fighters

FULFILMENT OF A PROMISE

Somewhere in South Korea, Jan. 2. Pilots of Australia's 77 Fighter Squadron in Korea are itching to get their hands on the controls of Meteor jet fighters which were promised them last month.

Ever since the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert G. Menzies' statement on December 10, that the Squadron would replace their trusty Mustang single-seater fighters with the British Meteor-VIII jets, there has been little of any other topic of conversation in Australian pilots' barracks and messhalls.

The Squadron's commander, Squadron Leader Richard Creswell, aged 30, of 9 Valence Road, Glen Iris, Melbourne, said: "We are all dead keen to get onto Meteors—groundstaff and pilots alike."

"Everybody wants to convert to them. They we will really be able to look after ourselves. We can do that now with our good old Mustangs but the Meteors' extra speed and manoeuvrability at 30,000 feet is just what we will appreciate."

Flight Lieutenant Ian Olorenshaw, aged 29, of Remuera, South Australia, has already had jet experience on "Vampires".

He said: "Although the Vampires are hot, the Meteors should be hotter. They will have certain disadvantages but these will be far outweighed by the advantages. We will lose a bit of range but we will find gain in speed and be less vulnerable to enemy fire."

GETTING FASTER

Flying Officer Richard Wittman, aged 30, of Ramsey Road, Haberfield, Sydney, said: "We want to fly jets because they are the aircraft of the future and we want to fly Meteors because they are the top jets. The air war is getting faster and we want to get faster with it."

"We followed some enemy troops' tracks in the snow north of Pyongyang. We were at about 500 feet when we came up on a couple of troop-carrying lorries. We went down to 50 feet and gave them a couple of bursts with incendiary bullets."

"They caught fire and then exploded three or four times—they must have been carrying gasoline and ammunition."

"Then we planted a few rockets into some big buildings right alongside. These started to blow too. As we flew off there was a really royal fire. We could not find any more targets round there, so we flew down near Pyongyang to some Army barracks."

"Heavy tracer bullets started to come up at us. As I went in with all guns blazing they opened up with anti-aircraft fire. The first few shots were wild, then they got my height."

"They opened up with everything. I landed the old kite all over the sky and then I was out of range. We came back and pumped a couple more rockets into the barracks. I cannot say whether we killed anybody or not. When I got back I found there were no holes in the plane. That was lucky."—Reuter.

KASHMIR TO BE DISCUSSED

Lake Success, Jan. 2. Senator Antonio Quevedo of Ecuador, January President of the Security Council, said today that the Kashmir question would go before the Council for discussion in the latter part of the month.

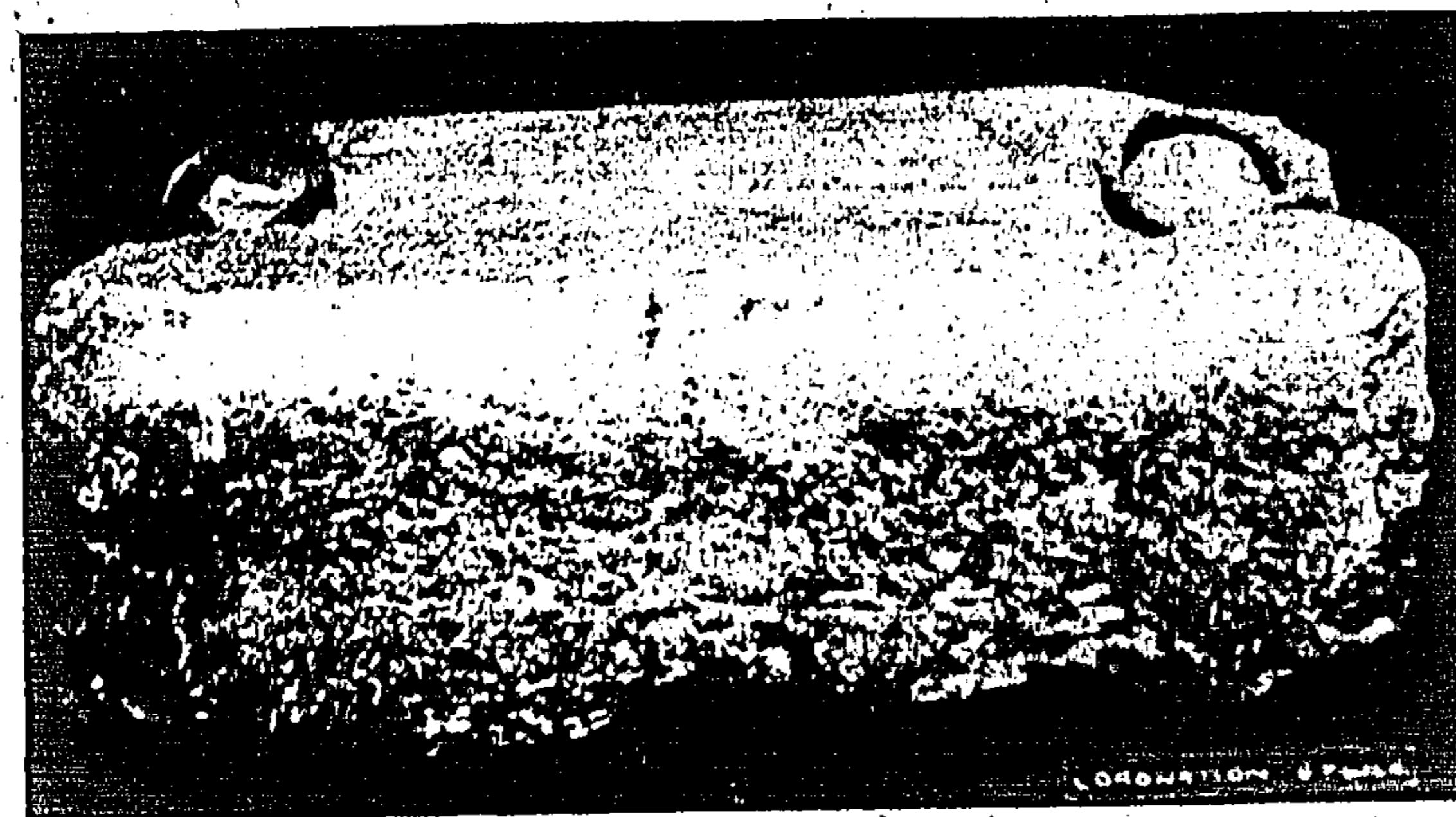
There were no plans for a meeting on the matter before Jan. 15 because the chief Indian delegate, Sir Benegal Rau, was scheduled to attend the Commonwealth conference in London on Thursday. Senator Quevedo said it would be improper to begin discussion of the question in Sir Benegal's absence. Meanwhile, he intended to discuss the question informally with the heads of other Council delegations, hoping for a decision around Jan. 15.

Despite Pakistan's insistence the Council failed to take up the problem in December because several delegations felt that contact between the Indian and Pakistani Prime Ministers at the Commonwealth conference might smooth out Council discussions. However, the failure of the conference to date to include Kashmir on the agenda determined Pakistan's boycott of the party.—United Press.

P.I. And Pakistan

Washington, Jan. 2. The Philippines and Pakistan, both of whom gained their independence since the last war, will sign a "treaty of friendship" here on Wednesday, concluding three and a half years of "friendly" relations between the two countries.—United Press.

The Missing Stone



Americans May Share Atomic Information

Washington, Jan. 2. The United States indicated today that it might shortly exchange atomic information and personnel with other States than Britain and Canada.

Mr Gordon Dean, Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, said that legislation would be placed before Congress in about two months' time to change conditions for the exchange of such information with Britain and other Allies where this is to America's advantage.

Recommendations had not yet been crystallised on this point, he told a press conference.

In answer to a question, Mr Dean said, "Russia does have" the atomic bomb.

Exchange of atomic information between the United States and Britain was restricted after passage of the McMahon Act in 1946. This placed atomic control under the civilian authority of the Atomic Energy Commission instead of under the military as before.

Mr Dean said that he did not think that the proposed legislation would deal only with the United Kingdom and Canada. It was possible to draft legislation giving "rather wide discretion" to exchange information where it was to the advantage of the United States, he added.

He said that the legislation might also provide for the exchange of personnel, adding, "We may want to exchange materials as well as information."

"We are rather rigidly controlled at present" by the (McMahon) Act and there are situations in which it would be to the advantage of the United States to exchange."

Mr Dean declined to give any figures or indication of the number of bombs in the United States' stockpile.

Reporters pressed him to say whether he thought the United States had sufficient atom bombs for use on strategic targets.

He replied, "If we worry, it is not about the number of bombs we have, but how we can get more."—Reuter.

ATOMIC ENERGY FILE
Ottawa, Jan. 2. The Government today approved the construction of a \$50,000,000 atomic energy pile designed to be "readily more powerful than" the two others Canada already has.

The giant furnace will assure Canada of an adequate supply

UN ARMY IN NEW POSITIONS

Digging In On Fresh Defence Line North Of Seoul

Planned Withdrawals From Imjin River Sector

Tokyo, Jan. 2. United Nations troops, dug in on a new defence line north of Seoul, prepared tonight for what might be the fiercest battle of the Korean war.

The Eighth Army had today completely abandoned the Imjin River defence line some 30 miles above the southern capital, the collapse of the First South Korean Division making their positions untenable.

Front line reports said that United Nations troops had abandoned Uibongju, 11 miles north of Seoul, and Chunchon, key junction in the centre of the United Nations defence line across the peninsula.

United Nations troops, fortifying their new positions, had no reliable indication of the Communist strength actually opposing them.

United Nations warplanes yesterday swept the Korean skies in an all-out offensive, smashing and pounding every target visible along the snow-covered battlefield.

Pilots, flying everything up to the latest F-84 Thunder jets, hammered troops, guns, buildings, supply and fuel dumps and transport in 400 sorties.

They had raided 74 enemy-held towns and accounted for more than 300 Communist troops by mid-day. Fires blazed in battered Chorwon, a Communist concentration centre north of the Parallel.

Fighters were out in record numbers, giving close support to the ground forces, while Sabre jets—the world's fastest weapon—roasted the Northwest for possible Communist intruders. None was seen.

The second day of the great air offensive began in clear weather at dawn after a night of bombing attacks against targets illuminated with flares, as far north as the Manchurian border.

More than 30 Communist vehicle convoys were damaged. The east flank of the United Nations defence line was reported tonight to be falling back under heavy pressure, but details were blacked out by the censors.

Communist forces were known to be attacking the Chunchon area, some 10 miles below the 38th Parallel, where they had earlier been reported to have made some penetrations.

An Eighth Army spokesman described the situation at both ends of the front as serious, but not critical.

LULL PREDICTED

United Nations troops, fortifying their new positions, had no reliable indication of the Communist strength actually opposing them and it was still not clear from front-line reports whether the offensive was being led by Chinese Communists or North Koreans.

An Eighth Army spokesman had said earlier that the troops engaged in the general offensive were predominantly Chinese Communists.

Military sources here predicted that there might be several days' lull all along the western front while the Communists brought sufficient men and equipment across the Imjin River.

A second Communist column, moving on deserted Seoul from the north-east, was said to have swept through Kapyong, 35 miles from the city.

Retreating United Nations troops left scorched earth behind them, burning every house and all supplies and equipment. They even knocked down the walls of houses and gardens which might afford cover.

United Nations artillery shelled Uijongbu after the withdrawal but it was not known whether the Communists had moved in or by-passed the town.

ADDITIONAL THREAT

Allied rear-guards threatened by Chinese Communists penetrated fell back throughout the day but no official information was yet available on the extent of the withdrawal.

The first Communist armour since the offensive began on New Year's Eve was reported by pilots who destroyed two tanks.

General MacArthur stated that an additional threat faced the United Nations forces following indications that the great Chinese Communist forces released by the evacuation of Hungnam, in the North-East, had now been moved to the central front.

She said she was going to confer with her brother about the usual questions such as Indian-American relations.

Mrs Pandit was asked if the present events in the Pacific constituted a threat to the security of India.

She said that from what she had learned "my Government does not consider what is happening in the Pacific any immediate threat to India".

Civilians May Go Without

Washington, Jan. 2. The Congress, probably the world's most talkative body, was asked today to make legislation that a citizen cannot be made to listen to things he does not want to hear. The proposal was made by the National Citizens Committee against forced listening, which was organised to campaign for legal bars against music on buses and streetcars.

It said that Democrats and Republicans in the Congress should join in pressing a bill declaring that it is "tyrannical, un-American and Communistic to force the public to make people listen to things against their will."

He added that even with imports from Canada there will not be very much for civilians after military orders are filled.

United Press

Former Premier Turns Friar

Lovere, North Italy, Jan. 2. A former Maltese deputy Prime Minister, Mr Arthur Colombo, aged 45, pledged himself to a life of complete poverty and humility when he became a Capuchin friar here to day.

The ceremony at a Franciscan Monastery on the shores of the Lake of Iseo follows a year spent as a novice. A Doctor of Medicine, he plans when he has finished his theological studies to work in a hospital at a Capuchin Mission in Jhansi, India. The Capuchin Order are devoted to preaching and missionary work.—Reuter.

Legislative Battle In Washington

VITAL DEBATE IN CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 2. The 82nd United States Congress will meet for the first time tomorrow to face a momentous debate on foreign policy and plans to build up the military strength of the overseas Allies.

Despite reduced majorities in both Houses of Representatives and the Senate the Administration Democ. is confident that the new Congress will back President Truman in most major foreign policy administration.

The recent speech by the former Republican President, Mr Herbert Hoover, advocating American concentration on Western hemisphere defence, is expected to set off a fierce foreign policy fight.

A conservative, "isolationist" bloc of Republicans in Congress is supporting Mr Hoover's ideas which have already come under attack by Democrat spokesmen.

It is believed that under the pressure of the vast defence plans the new Congress will be inclined to cut foreign economic aid programmes like the Marshall Plan.

Democrats are also pessimistic about the prospects of much of the "Fair Deal" domestic programme, which had a rough handling in the last Congress where the Democrats had a larger majority.

The Senate majority has been cut from 12 to two and their House majority from 93 to 36.

The 81st Congress adjourned tonight when the House rose. The Senate had risen earlier.—Reuter.

Anti-Huk Drive To Be Pressed

Manila, Jan. 2. Brig-General Calixto Duque, newly-appointed acting Army Chief of Staff, who will serve during the absence in Washington of Maj-General Mariano Castañeda, has initiated an extensive revamping of military commands in the all-out drive against the Hukas.

Of his policy on the anti-rebellion campaign, General Duque said there would be no respite in the pursuit of Hukas. "Our boys will scour the countryside continuously to prevent dissidents from reassembling," he said.—United Press.

Once Spanked A King

Saarreundt, East France, Jan. 2. Adolphe Anneser, the trainee of the Orient Express, which ran from Paris to Constantinople during the "great years" of 1898 to 1914, has died near here at the age of 73.

Anneser was decorated by many former European sovereigns who travelled on the Orient Express. He once spanked King Boris of Bulgaria. The King—then aged eight—persisted in leaning out of the window in the corridor and was corrected and pulled in by Anneser.—Reuter.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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Commonwealth To Speed Up

Defence Plans BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR HONGKONG COMMITMENTS

London, Jan. 2.

Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are likely to be asked to speed up plans for sending forces to the Middle East in the event of war, it was learned here today from a usually reliable source.

This is one of the several defence questions expected to be brought up at the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers which opens here on Thursday.

Quakes Ravage Islands

Port Of Spain, Jan. 2.

An extended series of violent earthshocks in the Leeward Islands caused heavy destruction in the isles of St. Kitts and Nevis, according to reports received today.

The reports said the buildings housing the local branches of Barclay's Bank of London and the Royal Bank of Canada were destroyed at Basseterre and public utilities suffered severe damage.

They added that St. John's Parish Church in Nevis, was in ruins. A late report by Captain John Sweeney, head of the American disaster relief mission, to his headquarters at San Juan, Puerto Rico, tonight said that every stone building in Nevis was cracked or damaged and those still standing were completely unsafe or a shambles.

There were only a few English and no Americans on Nevis, where the native population is about 15,000.

The earthshocks began on Dec. 28 and culminated on Monday night when 12 shocks were recorded. There were no reports of casualties.—United Press.

MINISTER DODGES A QUESTION

London, Jan. 2.

Mr Maurice Webb, Food Minister, today sidestepped a question put to him by a school-girl who wanted to know why it was that America, with such great resources, insisted on selling food to under-developed countries at prices they could not afford to pay.

"That," Mr Webb replied to Janet Lawrence of Selhurst School, Croydon, "is a very tempting question. But you would not like me to lose my job, would you? I can only tell you, I had better address that question to President Truman. I am not going to answer it."

Mr Webb was addressing a meeting composed mainly of school children assembled in a "Youth Parliament" organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship.

Mr Webb warned Britons against taking food supplies "too much for granted" in the coming years.

"Hunger, like peace, is indivisible. There is no escape for any of us from hunger in the world," he added.

The British had to consider not only the supplies of meat at their butchers but also the supplies of rice, maize and other basic foods for the many millions in under-developed parts of the world, he said.

The world food problem today was very largely one of increasing food production in these under-developed countries, Mr Webb continued.

It could only be solved by providing technical skill and capital equipment to help these nations solve their own problems by producing more food of their own.

The Far East was really the "hot spot" in the present world situation.

"How much we could do for the settlement of the Far East if we could step up the rice yield in Burma and Thailand and rice and wheat in India," Mr Webb declared.—Reuter.

Truman Gets A Rebuff

Washington, Jan. 2.

The House of Representatives joined the Senate today in rejecting President Truman's request for emergency power to reorganise Government agencies that passed and sent back to the Senate a "war powers" measure stripped of the reorganisation proposals. The Bill gives President Truman only the authority to revise defence contracts to ensure essential war production.—Reuter.

South Africa has already promised a substantial contribution to the defence of this area in the event of a war.

Though they have as yet made no definite commitments, it is believed that Australia and New Zealand will be willing to share in Middle East defence as they did in the last war.

Britain would like to see Commonwealth forces in the Middle East even in peacetime, but realises the difficulties this would present to the Commonwealth countries with their small populations and the contribution they are already making in Korea.

Even if it is not possible for the Commonwealth countries to send forces abroad in peacetime they will be asked to have them organised ready to reach the Middle East with the least possible delay if war becomes imminent.

Canada has never before sent troops to the Middle East. It is believed an attempt may be made to encourage her to play a part in that area though it is felt here that she will be reluctant to agree.

DEFENCE OF H.K. Britain would like to see Australia and New Zealand take over some of her commitments in Malaya and Hong Kong. But proposals in this direction are not so far advanced as the Middle East plans.

The pooling of raw materials will probably be put before the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. Britain would like this to be arranged through the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, but some Commonwealth countries would prefer a separate Commonwealth board or committee to be set up.

The feeling in official circles here is that these two ideas need not confuse the main issue, as if the Commonwealth Prime Ministers are persuaded of the need for more rearmament their Prime Ministers will discuss its implications on their present policies.

South Africa is likely to bring up one of her defence worries—the present unsatisfactory state of communications throughout Africa. She has already had discussions with France and Portugal about this.

Another matter which may be raised is Commonwealth standardisation of equipment. Canada, for instance, is inclined to "tool up" on the United States type of equipment. Some other Commonwealth nations would prefer to concentrate more on the British pattern.

PAKISTAN PREMIER The British Cabinet, with the Defence Chiefs present part of the time, met today to discuss the final arrangements for the Prime Ministers' Conference.

The British Government was without news today whether Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, would attend the talks. The latest reports from Karachi said that Mr Liaquat Ali Khan had not altered his stand that the Kashmir dispute between his country and India should be put on the agenda.

In the view of the British Government inter-Dominion disputes are, by convention, not placed on the agenda of the full sessions of such conferences.

It is known that the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, is extremely anxious to see progress towards a settlement of the Kashmir issue.

Informed quarters here suggested that he might take an early opportunity of consulting the other Commonwealth Prime Ministers to see if they could find a solution to the impasse arising out of Pakistan's attitude towards the conference.

All of the principal conference statesmen, except Mr Nehru, and Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, have now reached London.

The latest arrivals tonight were Mr Robert G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, and Mr Sidney Holland, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, who travelled together from Rome in the same aircraft.

Mr Nehru was due here by air from India tomorrow night.—Reuter.

KARACHI SECRECY

Karachi, Jan. 2.

The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, does not plan to fly to London today, the deadline for departure in time for the opening of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, an authoritative source here disclosed.

The strictest official secrecy still veils the Prime Minister's intentions towards the Conference, and it is felt to in-

US Control Plans Prove

A Failure

Washington, Jan. 2.

The Economic Stabilisation Administration reported today that the Government's voluntary price control programme was making little progress.

Only a small number of the nation's biggest concerns had reduced their prices to the Dec. 1 levels or had agreed to give advance warning when new price increases were planned.

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Authoritative sources said

the United States, and her

assistants have been in frequent

consultation with the Depart-

ment on the problem of finding

some understanding with

Peking.

However, informed sources

said that so far they have

found no basis on which

some understanding could be

reached.

Indian officials felt that the

sentiment in the United States

was such at present that any

possible approach to negotia-

tion would be branded as "ap-

peasement," and thrown out.

Indian sources here saw no

possibility of an early re-

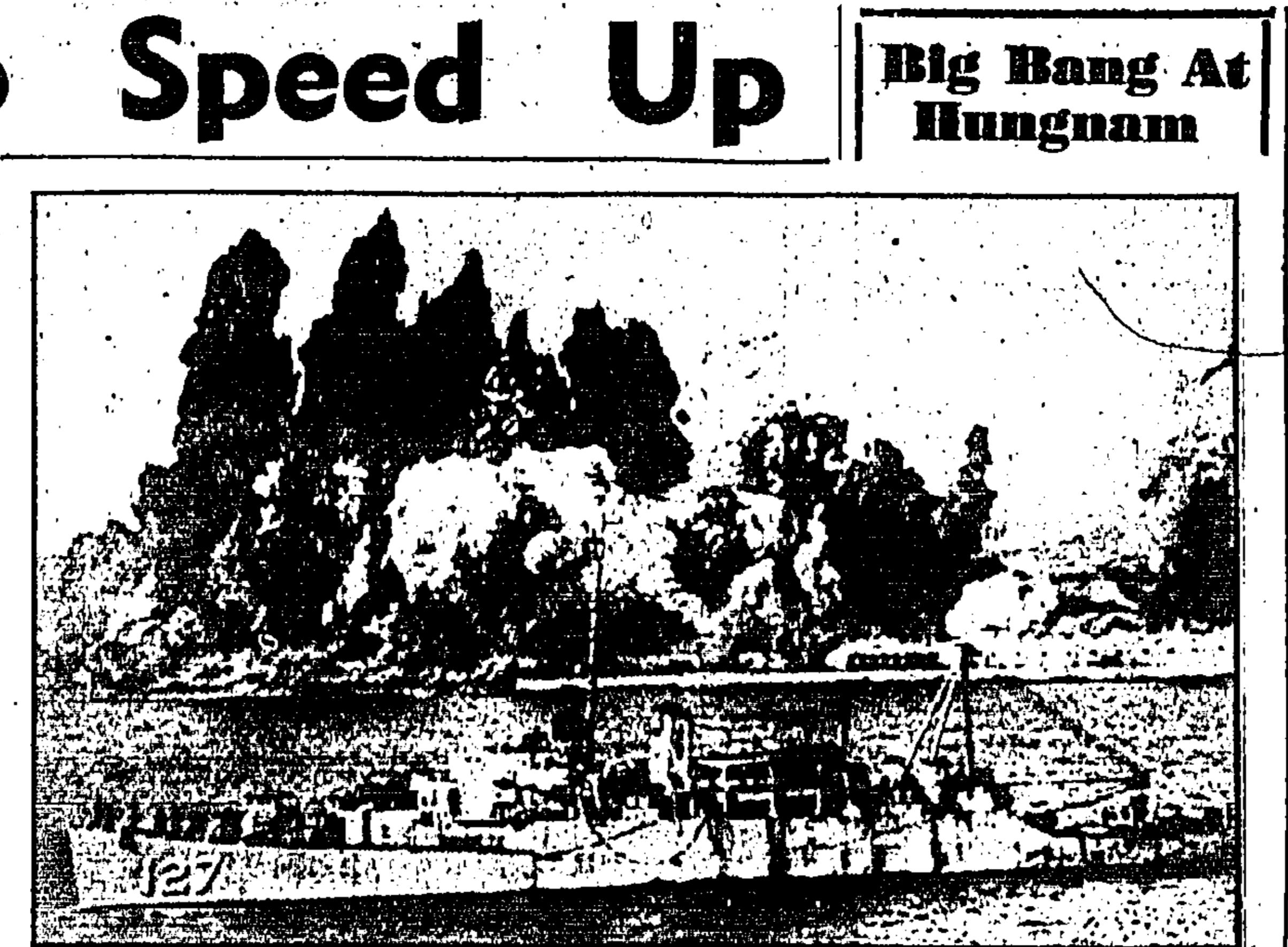
appraisal between the West-

and Communist China on the

subject of Korea.

Madame Vijaya Lakshmi

Pandit, Indian Ambassador to



Big Bang At Hungnam

Smoke and debris shoot skyward at Hungnam as demolition charges destroy usable supplies and installations after United Nations forces evacuated the area. An American destroyer stands by in the harbour. — AP Picture.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO DEBATE CHINESE INTERVENTION TODAY

Lake Success, Jan. 2.

The issue of the Chinese Communist intervention in Korea, rendered more urgent by the news of a big offensive, will be debated by the United Nations Political Committee tomorrow.

There are three questions on the agenda:

1.—The intervention of the Chinese People's Republic in Korea.

2.—The Soviet complaint of American aggression against China.

3.—The question of Formosa.

The United States and several other countries are expected to press for an urgent consideration of the Chinese Communist intervention.

High American officials were today holding almost continual conversations with British, French and other representatives to prepare for a course of action tomorrow.

The representatives of India and the Arab States were consulted over the week-end on the same subject.

Later today the American and other key delegations are likely to have a clearer idea of the next step to be taken in the Political Committee.

The representatives of the Asian and Arab nations, who sponsored the cease-fire proposal, had talks with Mr Ernest Gross, of the United States, and Mr Jacob Malik, of Russia.

The diplomat said that, while such a resolution may appear at the moment, it constitutes the first necessary step in re-establishing United Nations procedure, interrupted last month by the introduction and approval of the cease-fire resolution.

SUPPORT NEEDED

The Latin American source said it was essential that all moves obtain as much widespread support as possible.

"It is more important to have energetic action with universal support than perhaps more energetic action lacking such support," he said.

Since the small powers are instrumental in supplying the two-thirds majority needed for passage of resolutions through the General Assembly, these comments are seen here as an appeal for caution in dealing with the Chinese situation.

The diplomat stressed, however, that caution should not be mistaken for any desire to appease China. He added: "What is important now is consolidation of the anti-Communist bloc."

Obviously, specific instructions would be needed by delegations should military action against China ever be proposed, but today's reactions towards the situation were indicative of the United Nations.

The decision was taken after the failure of the recent Hague talks between the two nations on the future of Western New Guinea.

The Indonesian Cabinet was meeting today to hear the report of the Foreign Minister, Dr Mohammed Roem, on the failure of the New Guinea talks.

Some quarters here thought that the Union statute, which came into force in November, 1949, might be difficult to annul because it is registered with the United Nations.

Well-informed circles told the Aneta news agency, however, that the Union would not be valid if one of the parties no longer subscribed voluntarily.

Should the Government decide to annul the statute it would only be necessary for its representative at Lake Success to inform the United Nations of this decision, these circles said.

They added that if the Union were abolished the office of the High Commissioner would be closed and replaced by Embassies.

A new treaty providing for consulates would also have to be concluded.—Reuter.

Peking Suspicions Of American Intentions

Washington, Jan. 2.

Communist China considers the intervention of the United Nations in Korea not representative of the world organisation but a "manoeuvre engineered by the United States."

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Princess Flies For Treatment

Boston, Jan. 2.

Princess Marie of Greco, aged 81, arrived here today for treatment of a fractured hip.

She was accompanied by her husband, Prince George, Dr Antoine Codounis, their physician, and a nurse.

An ambulance met their airplane at the airport and took the Princess to the Massachusetts General Hospital. She suffered the fracture when she fell in her Adonis garden on December 19.

Princess George is the uncle of King Paul of Greece.—Reuter.

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'BOYS MAY BECOME GESTAPO'

A Chief Constable's plan to form a police cadet corps—"to make them Dick Barton minded"—may turn the boys into police snappers, a Socialist Councillor said.

Dr E. W. Skyrme, Hastings Socialist Party secretary added: "The idea of Dick Barton is largely rule by force. The cadet idea is just a stunt."

A number of boys have already joined the cadet corps which the Chief Constable, Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Cargill, hopes will be a link for youths from 13 to 19 with the Special Constabulary.

The boys will be trained in citizenship, self-defence, and reporting anything suspicious to the police.

The Socialist Party protest in support of a resolution from the trades council will be made to Hastings Watch Committee.

'GOOD CITIZEN'

The trades council resolution says: "Young persons should be trained to believe that every person is potentially a good citizen rather than that every citizen is a potential criminal."

Councillor Alfred Lennard, council chairman said: "We do not want to risk having lads trained so that they might be turned into a future Gestapo. Besides they would most likely feel happier if the Chief Constable stayed away from them."

Another trades council member, Councillor H. K. Watson, said: "The proposed cadets is open to abuse and could be the beginning of a police State. We do not want youngsters to become police snappers."

IGNORING CRITICS

Lieut.-Colonel Cargill said: "I ignore these criticisms completely. None of the Labour critics have taken the trouble to come and see for themselves."

"Neither officially nor unofficially have these cadets any connection with the police."

"They are just a sub-section of a boys' club in which I have been interested for eight years."

"I wanted to canalise the spirit of adventure of boys who have been absorbed in 'bang-bang' films."

"If any of them joined the police force later naturally I'd be pleased. The critics are just heading for publicity and getting it."



Suitably attired in ankle-length striped scarves, with matching caps and socks, boys of Eton College march out to do battle against the Oppidans, or students not resident at the College. The occasion was their 109th Wall Game, part of the St. Andrew's Day celebration. (Acme)

KING TO LAY STONE OF NATIONAL THEATRE

The King is to lay the foundation stone of the National Theatre on the Festival of Britain site on the South Bank on July 13. This will be at the height of the Festival celebrations. It is hoped that permission will be given for building operations to be put in hand as soon as the Festival temporary buildings have been removed in 1952.

A model of the new theatre will be on view at the Festival. The plans provide for a building containing two theatres, with seating for approximately 1,200 and 500.

There will be special accommodation for workshops and stores. All departments for the running, housing and operation of a full-scale repertory company will be provided.

The National Theatre Act, passed by Parliament last year, authorised the Government to contribute £1,000,000 towards the cost of building the theatre. The work is expected to take three years.

As building costs have increased considerably since the first estimate was drawn up in 1947, it has been decided to de-

fer temporarily the building of the smaller theatre until additional funds are available. Until then, the Old Vic in the Waterloo Road, will serve as the second theatre.

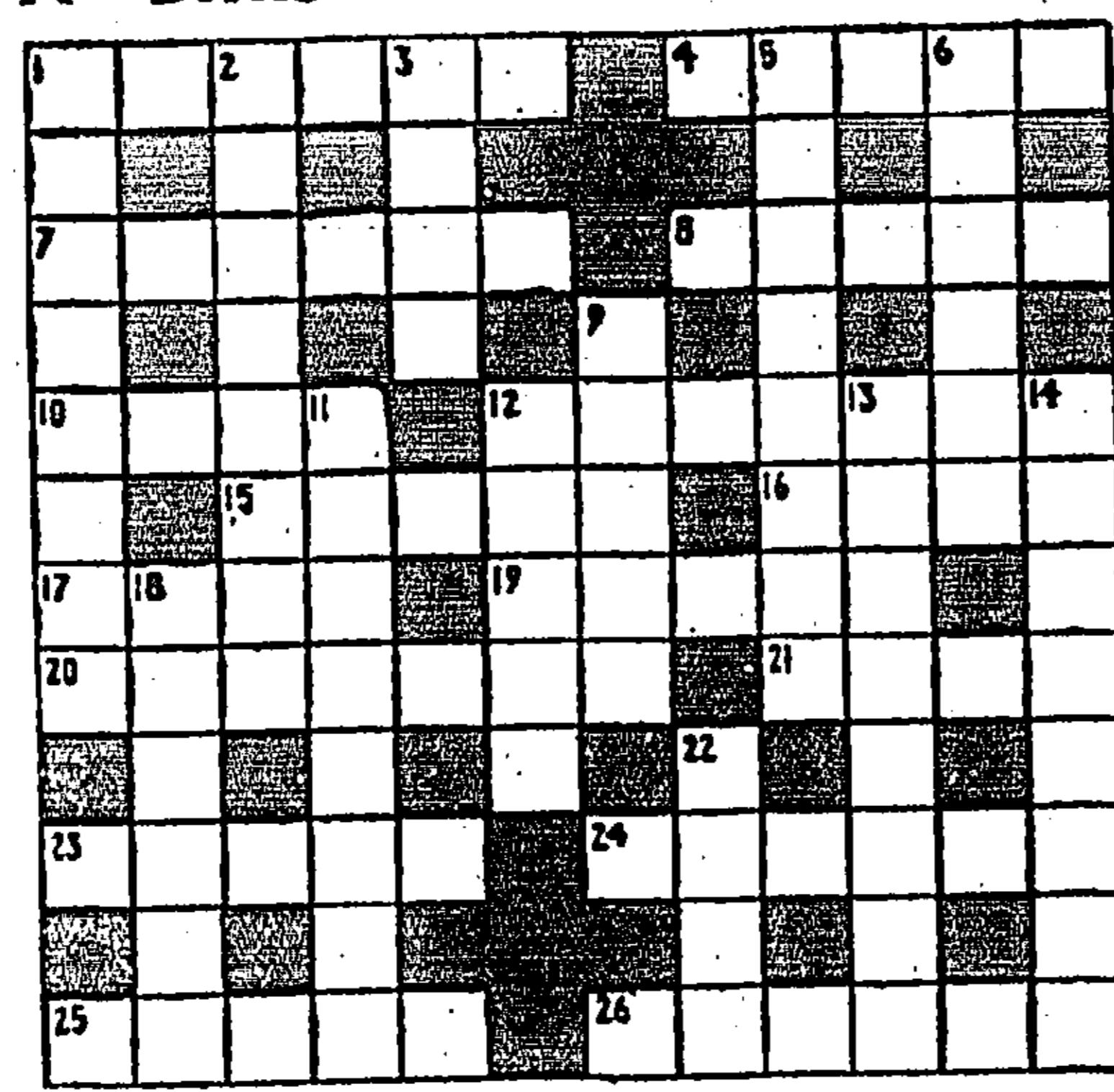
Mr Kenneth Ray, spokesman for the Joint Council of the National Theatre and the Old Vic, said: "We believe that our National Theatre will be the best

in Europe.

"There will be facilities for training and rehearsing for more than one company. Our ultimate aim is to have three companies, one playing in London, one in the Provinces and one abroad.

"The Old Vic organisation will form the nucleus of the National Theatre organisation. That does not mean it will be a closed shop to other actors and actresses."

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Ill-will.
- 4. Destroy utterly.
- 7. Sweetmeat.
- 8. Joins closely.
- 10. Equal.
- 12. Ropes.
- 15. Carouse.
- 16. Journey.
- 17. Prescribed food.
- 18. Gulled.
- 20. Amplify.
- 21. Talk bombastically.
- 23. Hard-up.
- 24. Outstanding.
- 25. Don.
- 26. Categories.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 9 Hypnotism, 8 Dornino, 9 Domicile, 11 Tortured, 12 Will, 13 Devil, 18 Dates, 19 Lark, 22 Assisted, 24 Complete, 25 Unwell, 26 Discount. Down: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.

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The Shoe is on the Other Foot



The Owl Was Very Wise

—And He Answered the Caterpillars' Questions—

By MAX TRELL

ARCHIBALD and Clarence, the two caterpillars, stopped to talk to Owl.

"We don't know much about anything, Owl," said Clarence. "Especially we don't know much about animals," added Archibald.

"Then you're very lucky to meet me," said Owl, trying not to sound boastful. "I know much about everything, and especially about animals."

Archibald and Clarence smiled at each other, then turned and smiled at Owl. They certainly were lucky, they said. And now would Owl please tell them how to recognise the different animals they might come across.

"It's very simple," said Owl. "I mean, it's very simple for me. It may be a little harder for you. I don't think caterpillars have many brains."

Archibald and Clarence said they were quite sure that caterpillars hardly had any brains at all.

Different Animals

"Now this is the way you recognise the different animals. If you see one of them sitting on the steps of the porch and drinking milk, that's a cat."

"Cat," repeated Archibald. "Sits on porch. Drinks milk. God. I'll remember that."

"And if you see another animal running up to the cat and chasing it away, that's a dog."

"Dog," repeated Clarence. "Chases cat. I won't forget, Owl."

"And if you see one standing in the field with horns, that's a cow."

"Cow. Has horns," said Archibald.

"And if you see one pulling a cart, that's a horse."

"Horse. Draws a cart," said Clarence.

Clarence and Archibald decided those were enough animals to recognise for the first day, so they thanked Owl kindly and walked off. Owl watched them for a moment, then flew away.

By and by Clarence and Archibald reached a house. They walked around it until they came to the porch. There, sitting on the steps of the porch they were delighted to see a small girl drinking a glass of milk. But Clarence shouted: "Look, Archibald! Do it!"

"It has round legs," said Archibald.

At that instant the automobile uttered a loud sound. "It has a horn!" exclaimed Clarence. "Animal with a horn... It's a cow!"

Then a lady passed by along the sidewalk. She was pushing a baby-carriage.

"It's the animal that pushes a cart!" said Clarence. "It doesn't seem to have any arms or feet!"

"It has round legs," said Archibald.

At that instant the automobile uttered a loud sound. "It has a horn!" exclaimed Clarence. "Animal with a horn... It's a cow!"

All that afternoon the two happy caterpillars watched cats and dogs and cows and horses. Finally they went back to Owl to thank him again for being so helpful. "You can't imagine how wonderful it is to be able to recognise animals, Owl!" said Clarence. "But where are all the people?" asked Archibald.

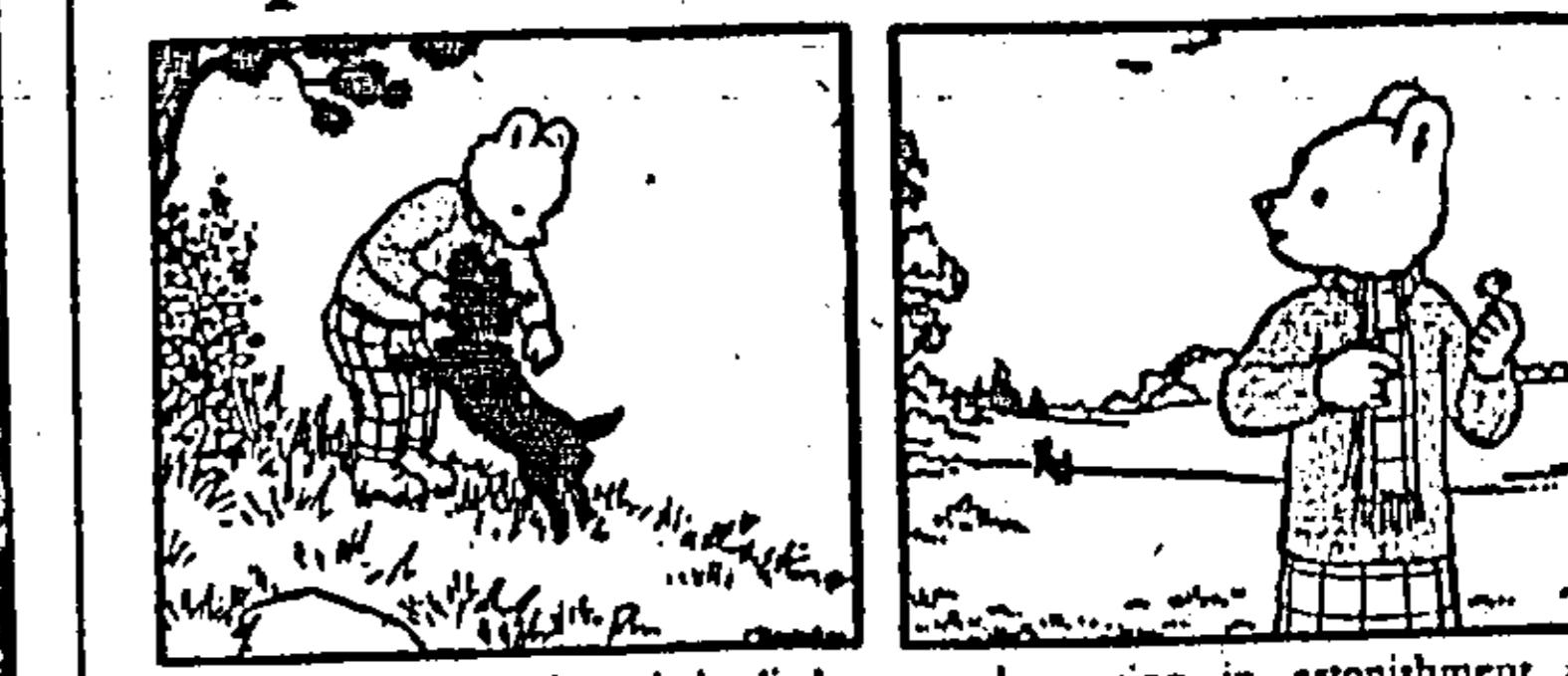
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"Oh, they're around, too!" said Owl. "But he doesn't tell them how to recognise people. He thought they knew."

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Rupert's Autumn Primrose—14



Rupert calls to Jock and the little dog has run up to him. "Where have you been? And why isn't your master, Philip, with you?" he asks as Jock greets him. "And what is that sticking to your back?" He bends and picks a small yellow object out of the fur. Jock goes on his way but Rupert

stands gazing in astonishment at what he is holding. "Surely it can't be," he breathes. "Yes it is, there can't be a mistake. It's a real primrose, a real live one! So Fergy was wrong. There are Autumn primroses. That Gipsy's been teasing me. This is wonderful. Where can Jock have found it?"

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Halter Overblouse—Formal Or Informal

RIGHT over a formal, to wear under a suit, or to wear over a sweater or blouse. Decide how you will wear yours, and perhaps that will decide for you the type of fabric for your overblouse.

Straighten fabric. Fold in half lengthwise, wrong side out, selvages together toward you.

B is shoulder to waistline. Front length plus 2" to right of A. C is at upper left hand corner. D is 6" to 8" to right of C, depending on depth desired above waistline in back.

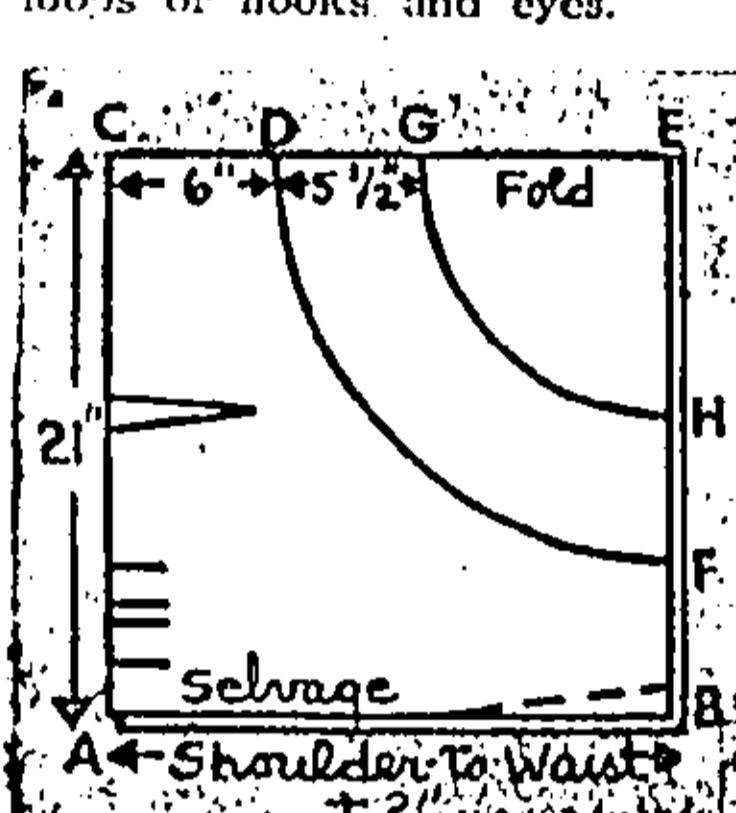
Depth of Peplum

Measure distance D to E. Place F this distance below E. Measure from D and F depth of peplum plus seams. A good depth for average figure is 5 1/2" to 6".

With end of string at E, chalk an arc from D to F, for under-arm line and from G to H for top of peplum. Cut on both these lines.

Lay pleats at waistline in front to control fullness under bust. When fitting, pin darts at under-arm line.

Cut off any excess at centre back, but allow for closing there, using a zipper, button and loops or hooks and eyes.



If by any chance, waistline is not large enough, a piece can be added from the fabric scraps.

Baste centre front seam, beginning at a point to right of B where you want "V" to terminate. Turn back selvages for neckline as indicated by dotted line. Finish underarm and back edge with bias facing.

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Cut off any excess at centre back, but allow for closing there, using a zipper, button and loops or hooks and eyes.

Slip one shoulder edge into each end of this tube, concealing all raw edges. Fullness along shoulder line B-F may be laid in folds or shirred as you prefer.

The peplum may be lined throughout, edges turned and held back with catch stitches, or edges bound with military braid.

Fold D-G in peplum comes at centre front. Ends of peplum are toward centre back.

Join peplum to waistline when fullness of latter is adjusted to your waist measurement.

This Is How You Can Have Lovely Curls



Courtesy Barrett Bob Pin Co.
To make a good pin curl, wind up small amount of hair and anchor with Bobby pin. There are rubber-tipped pins available designed to cushion the sharp edges of the pin.

By HELEN FOLLETT

In the period of the pigtail, selves a satisfactory finger wave, forming wide undulations. But the average beauty seeker contents herself with pin curls.

When making pin curls, wrap the strand around your finger if you would have wide, loose ones. If your hair is soft and thin, not inclined to stay in curl, form coils carefully with the ends of the hair tucked in the centres. Diluted wave set is a help when locks are soft and silken. And when setting your hair you might like to try the new rubber-tipped Bobby pins, designed to cushion the sharp steel edges of the pin.

Up-to-date methods are painless and fairly speedy. All of them are good. The success of the wave depends upon the skill of the operator. Methods have become so simple that the home wave is used by thousands of women who would reduce the good-looks budget. The rule among friends seems to be: "You do me and I'll do you."

Two or three weeks before the permanent, it is wise to condition the hair. Give yourself a hot oil treatment twice a week, have a shampoo the following morning. The oil causes the shafts to relax, will also keep them from getting brittle and dry.

There are women and girls clever enough to give them-

Tunic Coat



Taupe tunic with leather belt.

By VERA WINSTON

IT'S the tunic that calls the tune of the new coat parade. The tunic coat, it would seem, has emerged as one of the newest trends, and should be very much in evidence when fashions for next spring are unveiled. Meanwhile, this winter version is of a hairy-surfaced wool and rabbit's hair fabric in taupe. The bodice is gently cut in one piece with narrow sleeves. The collar, standing or flat-rolled, is stitched at the outer edges as are the patch pockets. The tunic peplum is padded. A matching leather belt completes the picture.

For Valentino...
There were trips to the opera and races when she showed off

TV Beckons Young British Star

War-time singing mascot of both the Tommies and GI's in Britain, 17-year-old Petula Clark, one of the stars in the film "Dance Hall" has been invited to appear on television in the United States. Since April, 1950, Petula has appeared in seven British television programmes and has become one of the most popular T.V. artists in the country. Fierce competition between rival American T.V. companies is now taking place for her services.

Petula first came into the limelight when, as a child about six years of age, she appeared at a local concert given for the troops; it happened to be broadcast and a wide-awake producer at the British Broadcasting Corporation gave her an audition. It was so successful that she was signed up for several radio concerts. Petula studied singing seriously, and when she received a film offer began to learn her job in the studios with so much intelligence that producers realised that she was a star in the making.

Fifth Avenue Window

Fifth Avenue windows currently display several items that look like potential accessory hits.

BATON UMBRELLA, a slender wooden stick about 2 feet long of polish wood banded in gold colour metal, is a hideaway for a pure silk umbrella. When the umbrella is collapsed inside, the baton looks like a miniature walking stick.

VELVET MUFF, squared shaped and edged in braid, is included among the velvet gloves, purses and millinery used to accessorise slender pastel wool jersey dresses.

ENAMEL BUTTERFLIES, inch-long pins in black or orange are displayed. The pins look like possible successors to the giant rhinestone pins for spring and summer.

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• From the top 12 who were acclaimed like film stars in the 1920s, our page today presents three and follows their story through to 1950. Now in their forties, they are still working. Two have silver hair. But all have kept their figures.

by VICKI SILVA-WHITE

MARCELLE ARMOUR, black-eyed, raven-haired, daughter of a Welsh miner, ran away from home at 18 to seek her fortune in London. For three lonely years she worked at a shop in the Harrow Road for 16s. a week.

Today Marcelle does not find it so easy to get jobs as a model. Her measurements are still the same, her figure still as stately and slender—but now I have silver hair, and really I should be a matron model, but my figure isn't matronly enough and there are plenty of young women with figures like mine," she said.

One day on her way home from work she was nearly run over by a major in the Indian Army. Within a few months they were married.

"I was gauche and thin. I didn't know how to walk or talk," confessed Marcelle. "So my husband sent me to a salon in Bond Street to learn these things."

After that Marcelle never looked back. Princess Helena Victoria used to visit the salon and teach her how to curl properly in the magnificent court gowns. She began to work for exclusive couture houses in London and Paris.

For Valentino...

There were trips to the opera

and races when she showed off

every evening, parades before royalty and such celebrities as Rudolph Valentino. Newspapers serialised her life story.

At the Glasgow Exhibition of 1938, Marcelle wore what she considers her most glamorous gown—a wedding dress of Nottingham lace. The 22 yards of the train were edged with sable. She wore it four times a day for six months.

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Her modelling career lasted only five years, but she captured the public's imagination with her dark-eyed oriental beauty. Wherever she went crowds gathered to catch a glimpse of her.

But this Londoner, whose real name was Vera, had a tragic private life. In 1923 she met Swiss psychiatrist Dr Papadaki. Within 13 months she was engaged, married and widowed.

At 10 her hair was already turning white. At first she dyed it, but later decided to become a vendeuse. For 14 years she worked for Captain Molineux—the man who named her Sumurun. She was there till he closed down recently.

She lives in Notting Hill Gate with her second husband, artist Marcel Poncin. Now the slight, silver-haired vivacious beauty is a vendeuse in Mayfair.

All three women are living proof that woman can be as attractive at forty-odd as twenty.

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SUMURAN in 1923 (above) made a sensation with this black velvet dress. To-day she is a Mayfair vendeuse.



MARCELLE ARMOUR wore the latest in ski-ing outfits at the Artificial Silk exhibition, 1924. Now she lives in a villa at Slough.



LUCIE CLAYTON was always the bride in her modelling days. Now she runs a mannequin agency.



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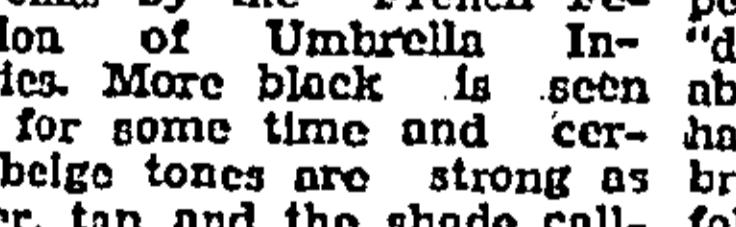
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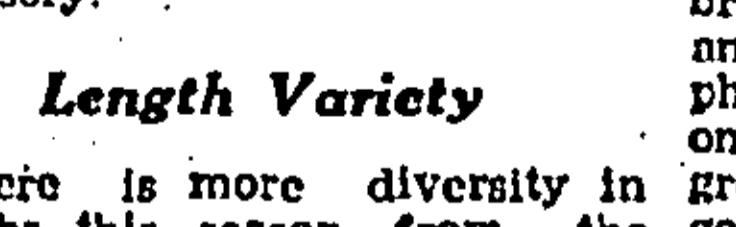
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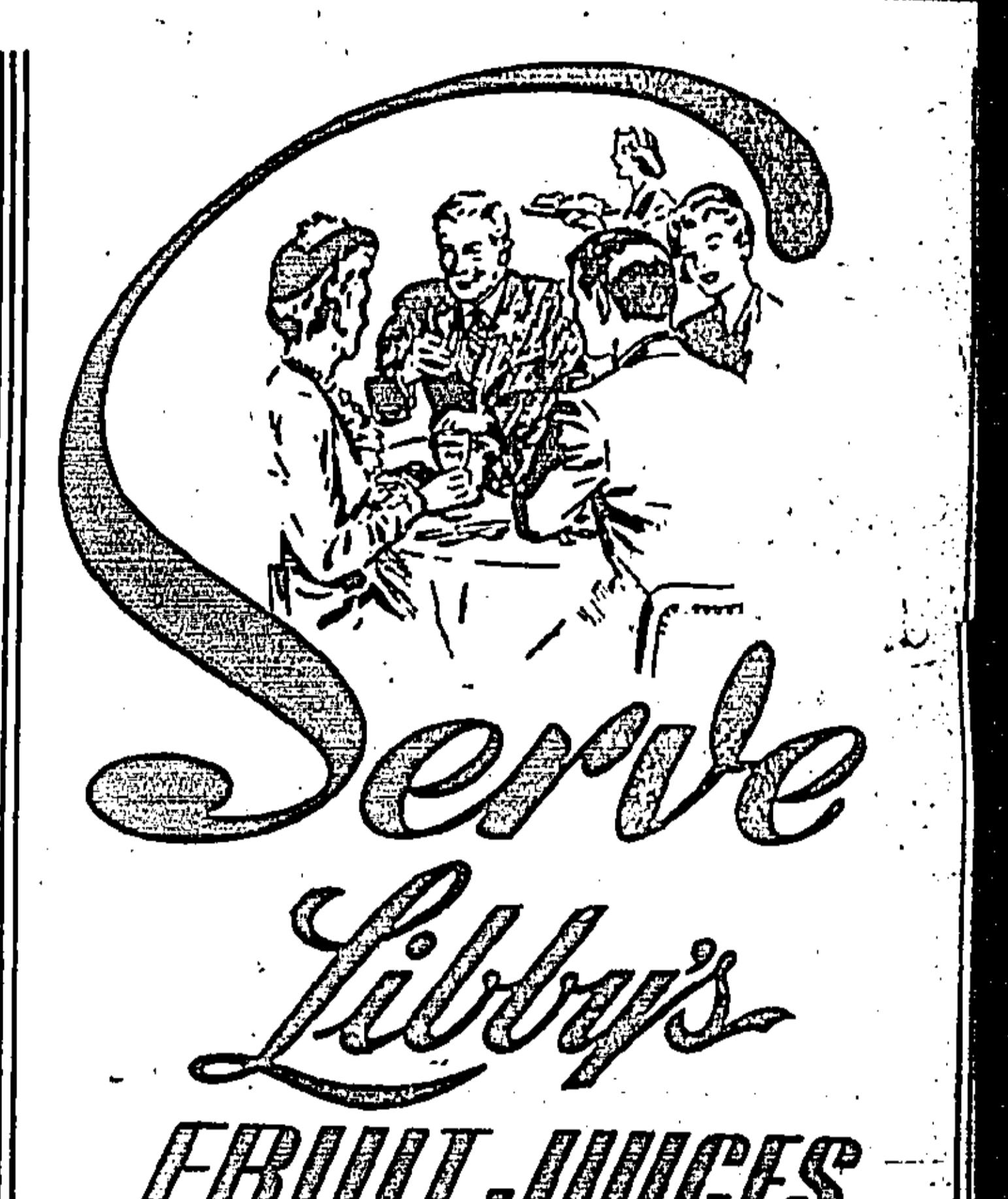
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WINDOW ON THE WORLD

By JOHN ASHWIN

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL SWEEPS AMERICA

A NEW-STYLE religious revival, born out of the Korean crisis, is sweeping America.

Once are the days of street-corner preachers, mass meetings and banners.

Today, thousands of American church-goers have decided to attract people to religion the quiet way. The heart of the revival is the midwest state of Iowa, where more than ten thousand regular churchgoers have just devoted

several evenings a week to contacting friends across the state. Their interviews

were in private in the people's homes and were rounded off by discussions

on everyday problems.

The services are marked by

a strong element of religious ecstasy and it is not unusual for members of the congregation to leap to their feet during

the sermon, embrace the preacher, and publicly confess their sins—usually admissions that they have been stealing

reindeer.

The Norwegian Lapps have had their own newspaper, Nuorttamaa (The Polar Star), for over 50 years, but their dialects differ so much that Scandinavian Lapps and Russians Lapps of the Kola peninsula can no longer understand each other.

CLEANING UP CAIRO

A "CLEANER STREETS" campaign has been launched in Cairo where the director in charge of the city's welfare department has threatened to resign if all the streets in his area are not "as clean as London's" in six months' time.

At the same time, the enthusiastic director plans to change the present street names which he maintains are ridiculous, although the tourist with a command of Arabic enjoys translating such names as the "Shak el Thoban" (The Serpent's Hole) or the "Darb Abu Lihaf" (The Lane of the Father of a Blanket).

A more important and difficult step for the director will be his attempt to ban all hawkers. In future, they will be told to take their wares to public bazaars which will be set up for them on vacant sites. In their turn, however, the hawkers maintain that there is far more business to be got from stopping tourists in the street.

Finally, in a gigantic plan to straighten certain thoroughfares, the director has decided to follow Hitler's principle which was to requisition the areas concerned, carry out the alterations, and then put the streets up for sale to offset the cost of the work!

RECORDED BOOKS FOR INVALIDS

"TALKING" books, formerly

made only for the blind, are now being manufactured for

invalids who feel that they cannot support the weight of the books they are reading.

This latest development—in

evitably an American one—has been made possible by extra-long playing records turning at only 16 revolutions a minute which makes them almost twice as slow as any other long playing records at present on the market.

The first books to be recorded in the new series are the classics. Then will come the novels with a two-sided 12-inch record playing for two hours—an hour on each side. Say the manufacturers: "There isn't a book which could not be condensed into two hours."

Now are the new books

planned only for invalids. They will be just as readily available to anyone too lazy to hold a book in their hands.

AMERICAN COLUMN:

STRONG MAN FOR BIG JOB

From Newell Rogers

Wilson, one of America's richest industrialists, was born in Berlin and Mr. Sidney Weinberg, a New York banker.

SIX ex-Londoners who were A.R.P. wardens in the blitz have applied for the full-time paid job of civil defence warden at New York's Flower Hospital.

The hospital specified that the warden must have had London blitz experience.

The favoured candidate is a retired naval commander whose tour of duty was around Buckingham Palace.

BRITISH PLANES for America and America's allies. The important thing about him is that he has the confidence of all the other big-fisted U.S. industrialists.

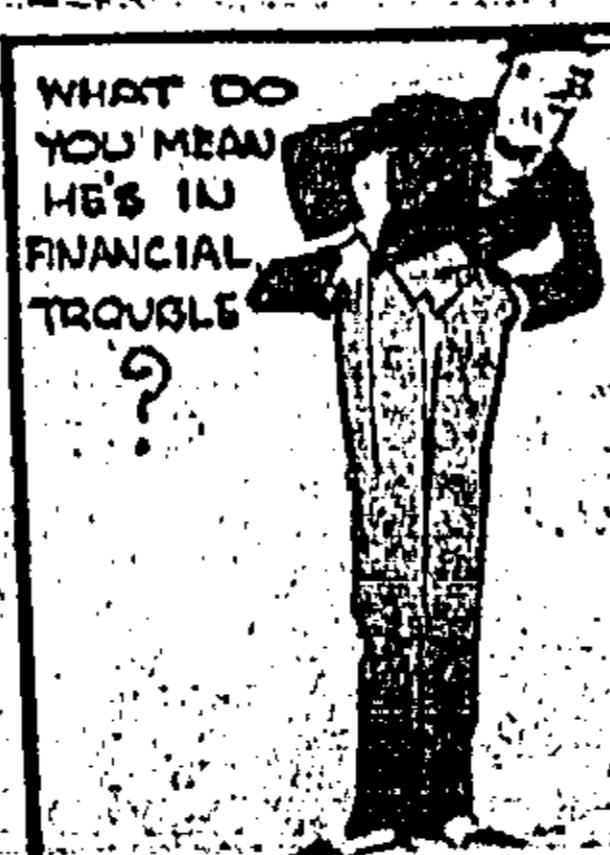
As his assistants, Mr. Wilson has appointed General Lucius

MOSCOW, Idaho (population 50,144), is not going to change its name because New York U.S.S.R. (so named in the thirties because a New York woman gave a factory to the Russian town) is going to be rechristened.

STEAKIES will come back with ration books, warns a Washington writer. Steakies are the back rooms of restaurants where steaks are illegally served to customers willing to pay four to ten times the fixed price.

THE CHRISTMAS edition of the Hackensack (New Jersey) Star Telegram was printed in green, red, and black. And the ink had pine oil mixed in it to give the paper a Yule-tide aroma.

POP



Coining a phrase



SECOND INSTALMENT OF A NEW CHINA MAIL FEATURE:
MYSTERY THRILLER SERIAL BY ERLE STANLEY GARDNER

THE CASE OF THE HOWLING DOG

ELLA STREET had Perry Mason's morning mail opened when he pushed open the door of the outer office with a cheery "Good morning. What's new, Della?"

"A lot of the usual stuff," she said, "and one that isn't usual."

He grinned at her.

"What's the unusual thing?"

"That's plenty unusual, Chief," she said. "It's a letter from this man who was in here yesterday."

"What man?"

"The man who wanted to see you about the howling dog."

"Oh," said Mason, grinning. "Cartwright, eh? Wonder if he slept last night?"

"This letter," she reported, "came by special delivery. It must have been mailed some time during the night."

"Something more about the dog?" he asked.

"He enclosed a will," she said, lowering her voice and looking furtively about the outer office as though afraid that someone might overhear her, "and ten one-thousand-dollar bills."

"I," said Perry Mason, "will be damned."

She got up from behind the desk, walked over to the safe, opened the safe, unlocked an inner compartment, and took out the envelope and handed it to him.

Perry Mason fished out the ten one-thousand-dollar bills, looked them over carefully, whistled under his breath, folded them, and put them in his pocket. Then he read the letter aloud.

"Dear Mr Mason:

I saw you during that last murder trial. I'm convinced you're honest, and I'm convinced you're a fighter. I want you to fight on this case. I'm enclosing ten thousand dollars, and I'm enclosing a will. The ten thousand dollars is a retainer. You get your fee under the will. I want you to represent the beneficiary named in that will and fight for her interests all the way through. I know now why the dog howled.

I'm drawing up this will, the way you told me a will like this could be made. Perhaps you won't have any occasion to probate the will or fight for the beneficiary. If you don't, you've got the ten thousand dollars, plus the retainer I gave you yesterday.

Thanks for the interest you've taken in my case.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR CARTWRIGHT.

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Perry Mason sighed and dropped the money on to her desk. "Crazy," he said. "The man's crazy as a loon."

He unfolded the sheet of paper, which was marked on the outside: "Last Will of Arthur Cartwright."

His eye ran along the writing, and he slowly nodded.

"Well," he said, "he's made a good holographic will. It's all in his handwriting—signature, date, and everything."

"He leaves his property to the beneficiary, and then he leaves me a one-tenth interest in his estate, to be paid to me when the estate is finally distributed, upon condition that I have faithfully represented the woman who is the principal beneficiary. In every form of legal matter which may arise, incident to the will, growing out of his death, or in anywise connected with her domestic relationships."

Suddenly Perry Mason broke off and stared at the document with eyes that slowly widened in surprise.

"What is it?" asked Della Street. "Anything serious: a defect in the will?"

"No," said Mason slowly, "it's not a defect in the will, but it's something peculiar."

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Abruptly he strode across the office to the door which opened into the outer corridor, and locked it.

"We're not going to bother with visitors for a while, Della," he told her, "not until we get this straightened out!"

"But what is it?" she asked.

Perry Mason lowered his voice.

"Yesterday," he said, "when the man was in, he asked me particularly about leaving the property to Mrs Clinton Foley, and wanted to know what the effect of the will would be if the woman who passed as Mrs Foley wasn't really Mrs Foley."

She nodded. "You've got me curious now. What about the will?"

"Well," said Mason, "when he was in yesterday he brought up this question about leaving the property to Mrs Clinton Foley, and it should turn out that the woman wasn't Mrs Clinton Foley at all, but was merely posing as Mrs Foley. From the way he spoke, I isn't quite certain that he had reason to believe the woman was not Mrs Foley, so I was crazy," said Della Street, "and I explained to him that it would only."

be all right for him to leave the property to the party named, describing her as being the woman who at present resided with Clinton Foley, at 4809 Milpas Drive."

"Well," asked Della Street, "old he do it?"

"He did not," said Perry Mason. "He left his property to Mrs Clinton Foley, the lawfully wedded wife of Clinton Foley, said Clinton Foley at present residing at 4809 Milpas Drive in this city."

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"Do you suppose he misunderstood you?" asked Della Street.

"I don't know," frowned the lawyer. "He didn't seem to misunderstand me on anything else, and he's been clear enough in everything he's done. Look up Cartwright in the telephone book. He lives at 4809 Milpas Drive. He'll have a telephone. Get him on the telephone at once. Tell him it's important."

She nodded and reached for the telephone, but an incoming call tripped the buzzer on the switchboard before her fingers closed about the receiver.

"It's Pete Dorcas," she said, "the deputy district attorney. He says he wants to talk to you right away about that Cartwright case."

He scooped up the receiver, said "Hello," and heard the voice of Pete Dorcas, edged with impatience, querulous and rasping.

"I'm afraid, Mason," he said, "that I've got to issue a commitment for your client, Arthur Cartwright, on the ground of insanity."

"What's he done now?" asked Mason.

"Apparently this howling dog business is all a part of his imagination," Dorcas said. "Clinton Foley has told me enough to make me believe that the man is not only dangerously insane, but that he has a homicidal complex which may cause him to take the law in his own hands and become violent."

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"When did Foley tell you all this?" Mason asked, looking at the wrist-watch.

"Just a few minutes ago."

"He was there at the office?" asked Mason.

"He's here right now."

"All right," Mason said, "hold him there. I've got a right to be heard on this. I'm Cartwright's lawyer, and I'm going to see that my client gets a square deal. You hold him there. I'm coming right over."

He didn't wait to give Dorcas a chance to make any excuses, but slammed the receiver back on the telephone, turned and said to Della Street: "All right, Della, break that connection. Get Cartwright on the line. Tell him that I want to see him at once. Tell him to get out of his house and go to some hotel; register under his own name, but don't let anyone know where he's going; telephone you the name of the hotel where he's at, and you can telephone me. Tell him to keep away from my office and keep away from his residence until I see him. Tell him it's important. I'm going over to the district attorney's office and see what's happening. This Clinton Foley is making trouble."

He flagged a cab in front of his office and snapped at the driver: "District attorney's office. Make it snappy and I pay the fines!"

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"Because," said Dorcas, "he has reported a howling dog, and the dog didn't howl."

"You've got a dog, haven't you?" Mason asked Foley.

"Certainly," said Foley, still keeping his conciliatory manner.

"And you mean to say he doesn't howl?"

"Never."

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When the cab swung into the court Perry Mason tossed him a five-dollar bill and said: "That's all right, buddy." He crossed the sidewalk, went to the ninth floor, said to the girl at the information desk in the district attorney's office: "Pete Dorcas is waiting for me."

He walked past her down a long corridor lined with doors, paused before one that had gilt letters on the frosted glass, reading simply: "Mr Dorcas," and tapped on the door.

The querulous voice of Pete Dorcas called: "Come in."

Perry Mason turned the knob and walked into the room.

Pete Dorcas was sitting behind the desk, an expression of annoyance on his face. On the other side of the desk, a huge figure struggled from a chair and turned to face Perry Mason inquiringly.

The man was over six feet in height, broad of shoulder, deep of chest, long of arm. His waist had put on a little flesh, but not enough to detract from the athletic figure. He was, perhaps, forty years old, and when he spoke, his voice was resonant.

"I presume you're Perry Mason," he said, "Mr Cartwright's lawyer?"

"Yes," he said, "I'm Cartwright's lawyer."

"I'm Clinton Foley, his neighbour," said the man, extending a hand and smiling graciously.

Perry Mason took two steps forward, took the hand, and turned to Dorcas after a perfunctory handshake.

"What makes you think he's crazy?" asked Mason.

"He had reason to believe the woman was not Mrs Foley, so I was quite certain that he was crazy," said Della Street, "and I explained to him that it would only."

"You thought so yester-

day. You telephoned and said you thought he was crazy and wanted me to have a doctor here to look him over."

"No," Mason said slowly, "don't get me wrong on that. Dorcas, I know the man was in a very bad state of nerves."

"I propose to see that his sanity is inquired into," said Dorcas, with dignity.

"Go ahead," Mason told him. "The same thing that you told me yesterday. I'm telling you today. If you're going to have a man's sanity inquired into,

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There was a moment of silence, then Dorcas said: "All right, come down to the office right away."

He hung up the telephone and turned to look at Perry Mason with cold eyes.

"I want to go with him," Mason stated.

"Can you go, Mr Foley?"

Dorcas asked.

"When?" asked Mr Foley.

"Right away," said Mason.

"The sooner the better."

"Yes," said Foley slowly, "I can go."

A figure silhouetted against the frosted glass of the outer door, then the door pushed

(MORE TOMORROW)

"Didn't howl a couple of nights ago?"

"No."

"All right," Mason turned to Dorcas, "your mind's made up. So's mine. You're going to commit him, are you?"

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Office, Telephone House; the
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and the Stables, Shan Kwong
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Entries close at 12 o'clock
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S. A. SLEAP,
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ENGLAND HAD A LEAN YEAR IN BOXING Brighter Hopes For 1951

MCC TOUR:
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Partnership**

By **FREDDIE MILLS**

Well, another year of boxing is over, and so far as England is concerned I am afraid that it has been a year of disappointments.

I started the ball rolling by losing the World Cruiser-weight Crown to Joey Maxim.

Our next big disappointment was undoubtedly in the reverses Bruce Woodcock sustained; but here at least we have the satisfaction of knowing that our new heavyweight champion is our most promising young one for a long time.

Due largely to their great efforts the MCC ended the third day's play with an innings lead of 48 runs and seven wickets in hand.

The MCC had then scored 301 runs for three wickets in reply to the 333 runs of the Sheffield champions.

Hutton, in making his highest score and his third century of the tour, was in peak form. He gave only one chance early in the innings yesterday. His biggest innings of the trip so far occupied nearly five hours and included 12 fours.

Simpson, after a shaky start in which he gave several chances, settled down to make the highest individual MCC score so far in this tour. —Reuter.

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Dated 1st January 1951.

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Mackie Wins

Golf Event

Mr J. D. Mackie (0) who returned a 72 net which gave him a total of 36 points, won the Stapleford Competition played at Fanling over the New Year's holidays.

The competitions for next week-end will be Captain's Cup Qualifying Round on the Old and New Courses and the 1st and 2nd Rounds Junior Championship on Sunday.

"Accidentals" XI

The following will represent the "Accidentals" in a hockey match against the Royal Air Force at Sookpung to-day, bully off 3.30 p.m.: EQMS Brierly, Rev. Thomas, Capt. Seaton, Capt. Steward, Cox, Capt. Delme-Murray, Major Garrett, Major Lampe, Pte Biggerstaff, Capt. Livermore, W. O. II Firth, Cpl Boyd.

Reserves: Lt Boatwright and Sgt Long.

Umpire: Sgt Sellwood.

Colours: Red and White; players to bring own white shorts, red and white stockings as well as sticks.

PRO RACE WON IN RECORD TIME

Edinburgh, Jan. 2.

Geoffrey Harrington, 25-year-old engineering factory employee from Darlaston, near Walsall, today won the 130-yard handicap—the Blue Riband of professional running—in the record time of 11.85 seconds at the Powderville meeting here.

Harrington, who was entered from Brownhill, near Birmingham, and was running under his own name, started off seven and half yards. He was a hot favourite at 7 to 1 for the prize of £150 and a gold medal after defeating the overnight favourite, E. Cummings, of Australia, in the Cross-ties.

In March of the next year I flew out to Johannesburg to fight Johnny Ralph. (It turned out in the end, of course, to be a fight against Nick Wolmerman). En route we had to wait at Accra for twelve hours, so Dan McCorkindale and I set out in an old jalopy for Accra itself, which was about ten miles from the airport. We got there, and were merrily about in one of its narrow streets, when suddenly there was a bang! and I was home and had forgotten Roy.

It was a remarkable thing that Middlebrough, for all their years in Division One, have never won a clear-cut win over the League Championship and have never even reached the semi-final stage of the FA Cup. They should do one or the other this year.

That was the first time Roy told me of his hopes to become a professional and now at last this year he has made Britain, and now has just come from America that the N.B.A. have ranked him as the outstanding featherweight of the year. Well, Roy, here's Nick to you in 1951, there are ten of them left, waiting to knock you from you at home, so get busy this year.

Frank Banner, the other Australian, finished last.—Reuter.

Arthur Peall says:

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A SNOKER player leaving white A roughly to the centre of the top cushion knows where to aim when the ball is in play.

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ten of them standing round;

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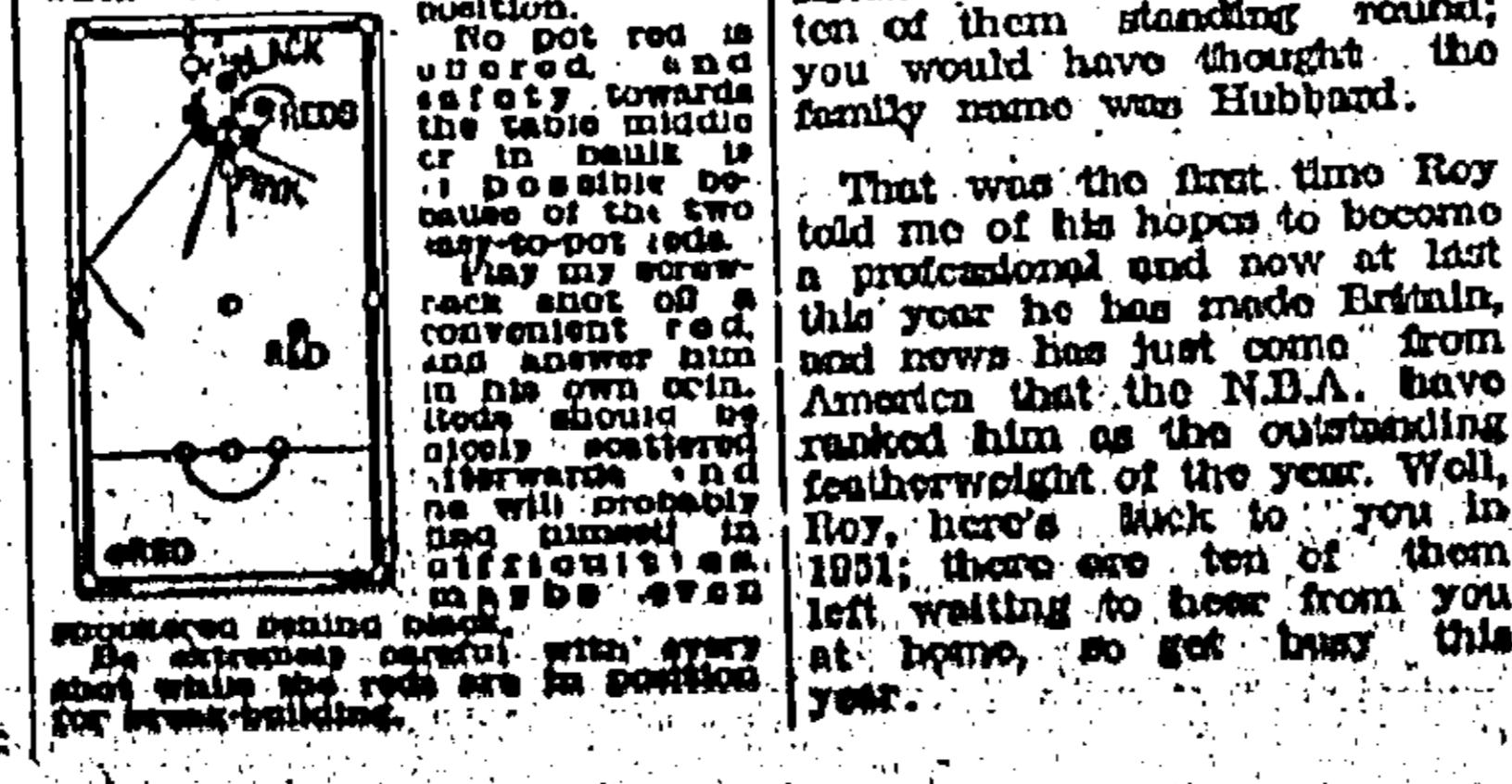
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SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

London, Jan. 2.
The following were the results of football games played today:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"

Airdrieonians	v	Rangers	0
Dundee	v	2 Morton	1
East Fife	v	3 Queen's Park	1
Elgin	v	0 Aberdeen	0
Partick Thistle	v	Falkirk	2
St Mirren	v	Heart of	0
Third Lanark	v	Clyde	0

Division "B"

Dumbarton	v	Cowdenbeath	0
Dunfermline	v	Albion Rovers	0
Fife	v	Queen's Park	0
Falkirk	v	Partick Thistle	0
Falkirk	v	St Mirren	1
Falkirk	v	Third Lanark	0

postponed.—Reuter.

Third Interport Hockey Trial

The third interport hockey trial will be held at the Navy ground, King's Park on Sunday, January 7 at 10 a.m.

The following have been selected to take part in the trial:

Whites:	A. Ponniyah (University), A. L. Nery (Recreio), J. B. Goncalves (Recreio), A. A. Remedios (Recreio), W. Reed (Recreio), Baghat Singh (Argonauts), Major Lambie (Army), L/Cpl Mackenzie (Army), L/Cpl Gardner (Army), R. Colaco (Recreio), Brown (RAF).
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Colours:	J. C. Koh (Normans), Cap. Stubbs (Army), F/L Wilson (RAF), Capt. Dudley (Army), G. Salter (Argonauts), McMullen (RAF), Peter Rull (Argonauts), S. Fowler (HKHC), A. A. Marques (Recreio), B. Xavier (Argonauts).
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Reserves:	U. B. Souza (Thunderbolts), M. Yusuf (Thunderbolts), Bowell (Argonauts), J. Winter (RAF), Fraser (HKHC), L. Xavier (Argonauts).
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ARMY BOXING

The following were the results of Army Boxing Team Championship matches which took place on December 19 and December 29:

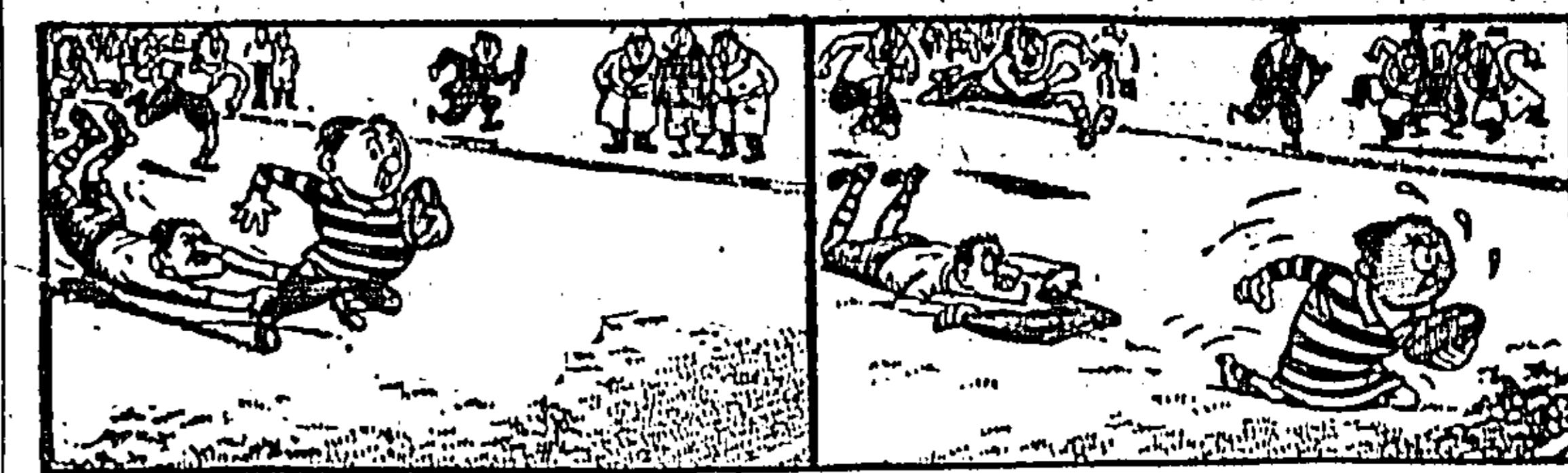
1st Br. R. Leeks, 19 points; 27 HAA Rgt RA, 14 points; S.C.L.I., 17 points; 1st Br. R. Wills, 15 points.
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It would be idle to pretend that this season's trials—we have

had number of district games, the annual Glasgow v Edinburgh clash, and two International trials already—have solved all

these problems and that Scot-

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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Saturday, 13th January, 1951.

There are eight races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races \$10.00) may be obtained at the Comptore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

or
 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of titles will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27810).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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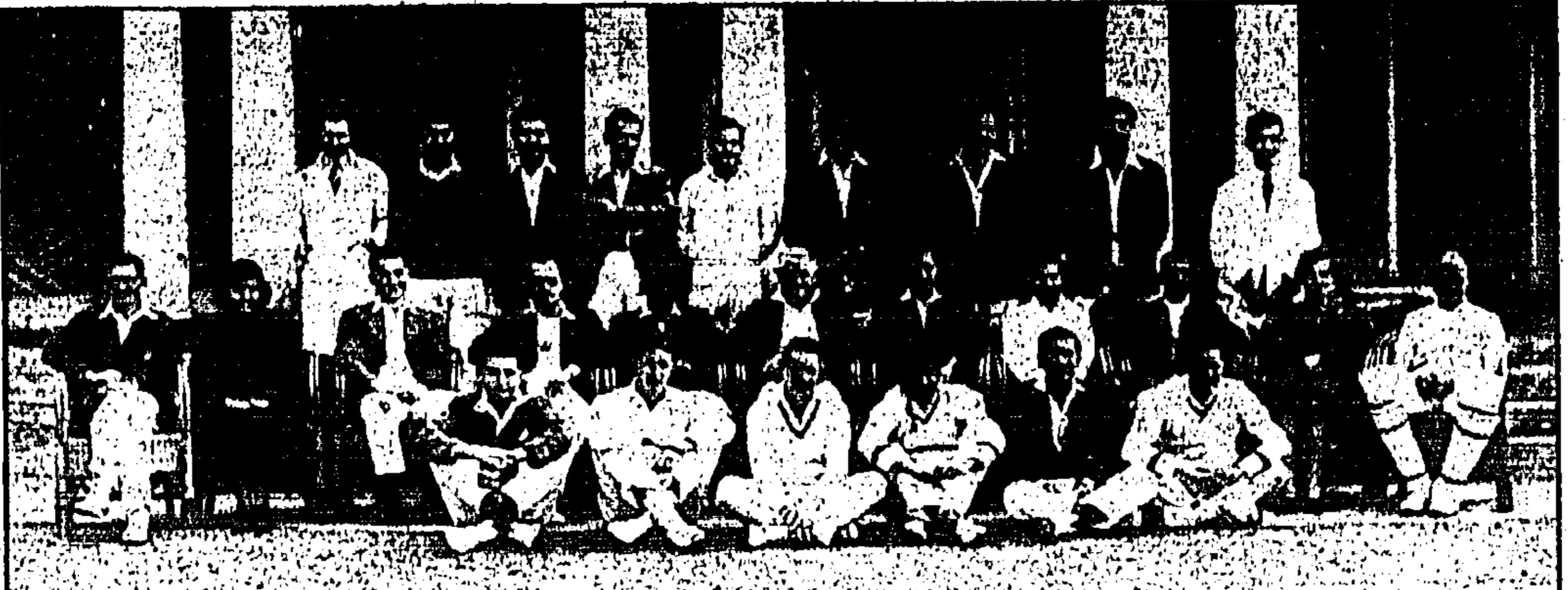
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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
 S. A. SLEAP,
 Secretary.

UNIVERSITY'S MATCH OF THE YEAR



Always regarded as a top event in the University's sports calendar, the Annual cricket Past v Present cricket match, resulted this year again in a win for the undergraduates. The Past did slightly better this time losing by four wickets as compared to their five wicket defeat last year.

From left to right are:—

Front row: H. Amann, R. H. Leary, T. Lo, D. Chelliah, S. M. Teh, C. L. Huang.

Middle row: J. L. Youngsaye, Irene Osmund, G. Elliott, S. V. Gittins, S. A. Vunnar, L. T. Ride, G. Hong Choy, D. Honson, A. A. Rumjahn, Margaret Sanders, J. Barrow.

Back row: J. Boswell, T. C. Lean, B. K. Lim, A. T. Lee, J. C. Fenton, E. L. Gosano, J. C. Koh, T. H. Lean, J. Lowcock.

CLUB ALMOST CERTAIN TO RETAIN RUGGER TROPHY

(By "AXIOM")

On Saturday the Club secured a really meritorious win by 6 points to 3 over the redoubtable Army fifteen and have thus almost assured themselves of annexing the coveted trophy for the fourth consecutive year.

In the other encounter the Navy defeated the Police in a match which maintained interest throughout.

The large crowd was treated to some sparkling rugger in which fortunes fluctuated either way until the final whistle deservedly gave the Club victory.

True there was very little to choose between the two sides but throughout the course of the match the civilian backs and three's had a slight edge on their opposites who for once appeared strangely orthodox. McNabb went very close on one occasion and always seemed dangerous in possession but by contrast Clayden and Laws were well held in the centre by D. Henderson and Campbell who received yeoman support from Lochlan and Warne.

The Army forwards turned in their usual virile and whole hearted performance and definitely won line-out honours to counter Moffan's edge in the set scrums. Thomas, Henderson and Gregson, especially the latter, worked like Trojans all afternoon and started the proceedings by rushing the ball deep into club territory.

For the space of five minutes or so it was all Army but gradually the Club settled down and play returned to mid-field. Runcie, making his debut weathered an anxious opening with credit.

LAYTON BRILLIANT

Clayden was short with a long kick before the civilian attack got under way and entered the soldiers' half for the first time where followed a brilliant piece of opportunism by Layton. Minto taking an angled kick outside the twenty five saw his kick strike the post and rebound into play. Layton in the van of several club players pounced on the ball and was over in a flash to place the Club three points up; a reward for quick thinking.

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THE TEAM

Club: Runcie, Layton, Campbell, D. Henderson, De Rome; Nolan, J. Henderson; Carroll, Meffan, Forsgate; Hancock, Minto; Warne, Winyard, Lachlan.

Army: Borwick; McNabb, Lowes, Clayden, Gower; Innes, Goldschmidt; Gregson, Bogg, Roden; Carter, Canham; Thomas, Wynter, Henderson.

Hendon Club May Play In Hongkong After All

A decision to invite the Hendon Football Club to visit Hongkong during May next was reached at a meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hongkong Football Association held yesterday.

Mr J. C. Guimgam, who was in the chair, said that a letter had been received from Sir Stanley Rous of the English Football Association to the effect that the Hendon Football Club, owing to Cup and League commitments, would not be able to accept the invitation of the HKFA to visit the Colony during the Easter holidays.

The Hendon Football Club had, however, indicated that it would be prepared to undertake the tour if it could be arranged for the team to leave England upon termination of the present playing season on May 6, 1951.

After lengthy discussion, the meeting decided that Hendon be invited to play here on May 12.

Mr Guimgam said that although the Saigon Football Association had been contacted again regarding the possibility of the Danish soccer team, which is due to play in Hongkong over the Chinese New Year holidays, including Saigon in its itinerary, no news had been received from Saigon.

The meeting then decided to delete a tour of Saigon from the programme of the Danish visit.

NOT TO MAKE MONEY

Mr J. Skinner said that the object of the HKFA in inviting foreign teams was to bring good football to Hongkong. The HKFA was not interested in making money, but was mainly concerned about covering expenses.

Mr Skinner said that from past experience, the HKFA should just be able to clear itself of the commitment it had undertaken in connection with the visit of the Danish team.

The Danish team would be visiting Manila, accompanied by a Hongkong team, and as all expenses would be borne by the HKFA.

The meeting also decided to make arrangements for a number of schoolboys to undergo training under Mr Lee Wal-tong, Chang Kam-ho, Siu Pui-yin, Kam Lok-sang, Au Chi-yio and Wong Chi-wan.



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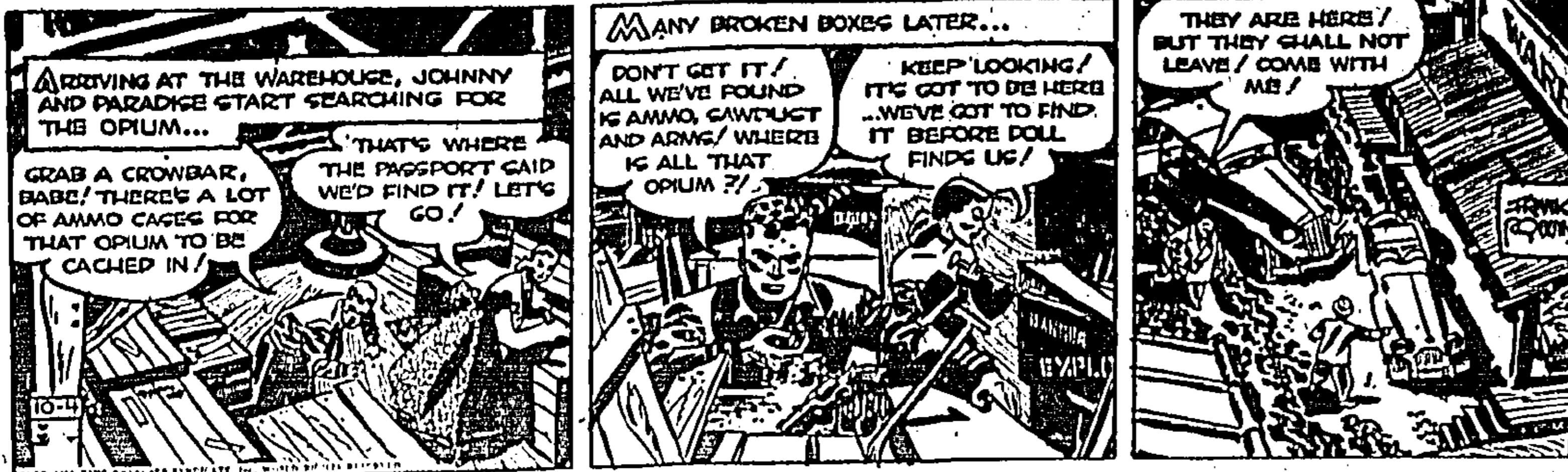
ARRIVALS FROM

"YUNNAN"	Sydney	In Port
"TAIYUAN"	Sydney, Brisbane & Townsville	In Port
"CHANGSHA"	Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville & Manila	10th Jan.
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	20th Jan.

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JOHNNY HAZARD



• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

ON his way to the dining-car, as he stumbled and swayed through a litter of cases, packages, dogs, and passengers, he came to a halt in front of a huge woman.

She was standing in the corridor like a mass of granite. She could not step back, because the compartment behind her was crammed with sitting and standing people. She could not move forward, because she was already touching the corridor wall. She could not move sideways, because she had no sideways. The man went down on all fours to crawl through her legs, but only banged his head against a box. The happy laughter of children rang out, and a dear little boy jumped on to his back, shouting, "Gee up! Come up, there!" The huge woman shook with glee, saying, "Fancy the kind gentleman comin' up 'ere ter give yer a ride! Ethel, if you aint 'im nicely 'e might give you one too!"

The odour of sanctity
The head of the Russian State Perfume Trust invented a new scent. He called it "Stalin's Breath." He has now disappeared, said Reuter yesterday. (News item).

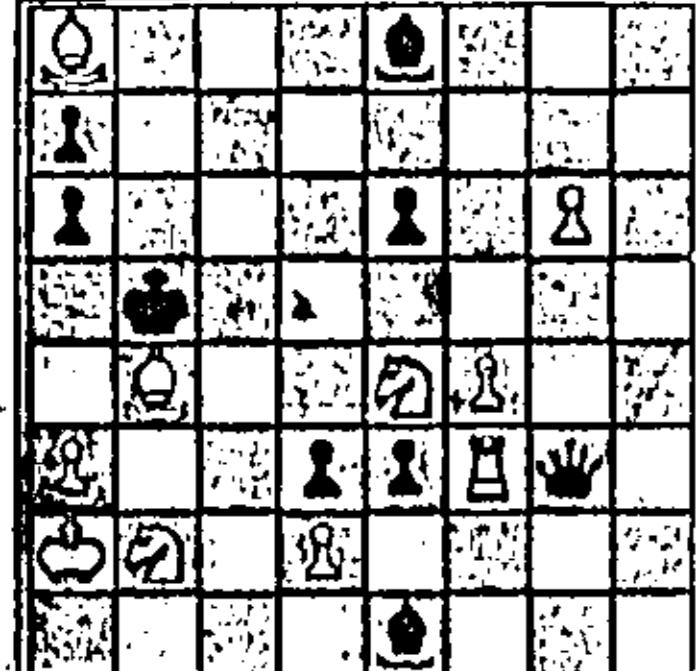
Kisses at Mockton Place
HEARING that Vita Brevis was staying with the Trowers at Mockton Place, Foulough presented himself. Unfortunately he had had four hours at the Fox and Phœasant. When Colonel Trower said, "I don't think I've had the pleasure of meeting you," "Who said it was a pleasure?" replied the captain. "I'm asking you to go," said Trower. "I've only just come," said Foulough. The door was closed, and the captain sat down on the top step and drew a flask from his pocket. Ten minutes later the colonel opened the door again. "How do you do?" said Foulough. "I thought I'd seen you somewhere before. It must have been here, a moment ago. How have you been keeping? Shall we go in?" Taking the astonished colonel's arm he led him into the drawingroom. Catching sight of Vita Brevis he ran across the room, gathered her into his arms, kissed her heartily and repeatedly, and then shouted, "Alone at last!" The colonel and Mrs. Trower stood as if turned to stone. The guests wrinkled their noses in disgust.

Naval memories
"IT'S the breezy Navy men I adore," said the girl next to Foulough at dinner. "You're an Army man, I suppose." "Oh, no," said Foulough. "Navy up to the fellocks. Six generations soaked in brine. Great granddad was Nelson's bo'sun in the Victory." "What was your ship?" she asked prettily. "H.M.S. Intolerable, plowing between the Moluccas and Rio with a cargo of wire-netting and planks, generally speaking." "Were you in many battles in the war?" "Oh, yes," said the captain. "One in Davy's Dive at Portsmouth, and one in the Rialto Music Hall

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. E. FLATAU

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-K6; any; 2. Q, R, or Kt mates.

Check Your Knowledge

- Who were the "King's bedsmen"?
- Define conchic (British slang).
- What type of dance is the conga?
- What is a ballad?
- A microsecond is what fraction of a second?
- Why are proteins needed in our food?

(Answers on Page 12)

By Frank Robbins

King's Pictures In Exhibition

Besides the magnificent series of works by Holbein and his followers, the Royal Academy winter exhibition also contains a selection of paintings and drawings by 17th century Italian masters. Two separate exhibitions, in fact, occupy the walls of Burlington House. The mainstay of both is the generous loan from the Royal collection at Windsor.

The seicento painters, so lavishly praised by Sir Joshua Reynolds in his Royal Academy lectures, came under Ruskin's castigation as "artweeds" and have now been out of fashion for a century. But there are signs of increasing interest in their work, and it is in the balance whether Reynolds or Ruskin will prevail with the visitors to Burlington House.

The technical accomplishment of these late Italians cannot be challenged. Guido Reni's "St. John the Baptist Preaching," like Giordano's "Acis and Galatea," superbly fills its canvas.

MYSTERY OF SHADOW

Caravaggio, as in "St. John the Baptist," brings a new mystery of shadow into painting.

AUSTRALIA TAKING MORE IMMIGRANTS

Australia is planning to take more immigrants in 1951 than in any previous year. For the second year, British will be in the minority.

The target is 200,000 people, 10,000 more than the record number last year. Of these 80,000 are expected to be British. Since the war 475,000 people have emigrated to Australia; one in every 17 there is a post-war arrival.

A large number is likely to be accepted from West Germany, where the excess population is estimated at between six and seven million. They comprise people from East Germany, Sudeten Germans and families of German stock returned from Iron Curtain countries.

As enemy aliens, they are now barred by Australia. But early last year, Mr. Holt, Minister for Immigration, announced that Australia would have to consider the extent to which German entry should be allowed.

CANBERRA CONFERENCE

A delegation from the West German Government has just finished talks in Canberra. The excess population problem could not be handled by the International Refugee Organisation set up to resettle refugees from the war.

About 45,000 British emigrants are going under the assisted passage scheme. Last year 75,000 British people emigrated there, bringing the aggregate to 225,000 since the war.

Delegations from Italy and Holland have recently returned from Australia. The Dutch Government has agreed to send 25,000 farmers, tradesmen and factory hands every year. Ten thousand Italians are paying their own passages each year.

Australian Government figures show there are still 200,000 jobs waiting to be filled.

Salvator Rosa, as in "River Landscape" and "A Wooded Landscape," imparts to nature a dramatic quality unknown before.

Yet with all their merits of craftsmanship and their appeal to sentiment, there is something about the men of the seicento which fails to ring true. The core of their matter is lost as with Gentileschi's "Fame" in being drawn out on too large a scale, or in the drama, as with Dolci's "Christ in the House of Simon the Pharisee," lapses into sensationalism.

These masters, indeed, enlarged art's means of expression, but without themselves having anything particular to express. Domenichino's "Madonna della Rosa," for instance, is an assembly of splendid details, but its sum total does not go beyond pastiche.

SPONTANEITY

Amid such over-intellectualized painting it is a relief to come upon the free gesture of Strozzi's "Christ and the Woman of Samaria," which seems to prefigure Goya, or Gentileschi's completely natural "Head of a Girl."

It is in the drawings that such spontaneity is best preserved, as in Bernini's vigorous portrait sketches, Domenichino's "Apollo and Daphne" or Carracci's "Study for Caryatids." The merit of the seicento men was in their craftsmanship, which the drawings so well display; their fault lay in their taste.

Blood Plasma From Seaweed

The only known sample in the world of a new chemical derived from seaweed, Laminarin, which it is hoped will be a successful substitute for blood plasma and talcum powder, will be shown to the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr. Hector McNeil, when he opens a new laboratory at the Seaweed Research Institute at Inveresk, near Edinburgh.

This use of the new chemical, which is a type of seaweed starch, is now being investigated by scientists in London.

At the institute it was pointed out that if the new chemical can be used for blood plasma, it will considerably reduce demand for blood donors. The potential harvest of dried seaweed from the Scottish coasts next year, it was stated, was about 200,000 tons, capable of producing about 40,000 tons of the new chemical.

The new laboratory is to be named after the late Professor J. Bissell Gulland, a native of Edinburgh and a pioneer in seaweed investigation who until his death in 1947 was Professor of Chemistry at Nottingham.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



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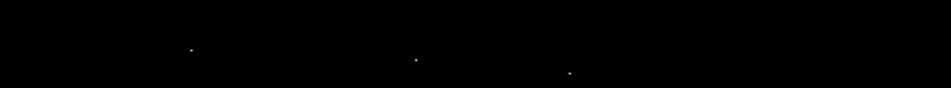
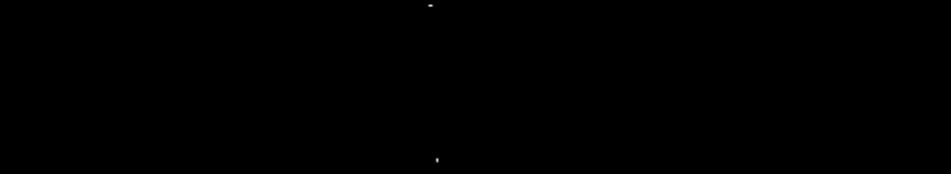
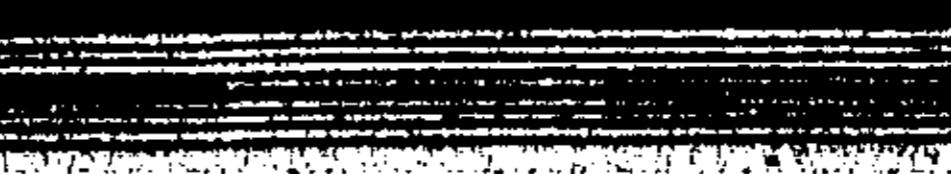
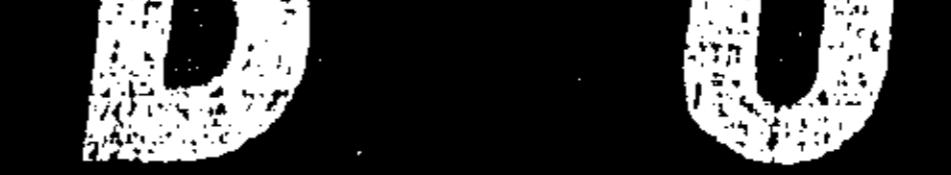
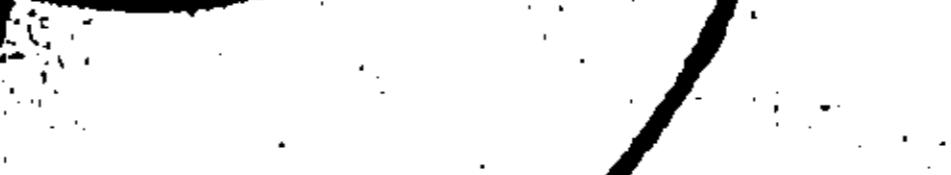
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Captured Film Reveals Features Of Soviet Jet Planes

Washington, Jan. 2.

Russian newsreels captured in Korea are giving US intelligence experts a close look at the latest Red combat planes.

The Air Force disclosed this today in screening for reporters at the Pentagon a film picked up in Korea about three weeks ago. It showed Russia's fastest known jet fighter and other types that have been reported in combat in recent weeks.

President To Visit President

M. AURIOL GOING TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 2. French President Vincent Auriol is expected here on March 27 for a week's visit as the guest of President Harry Truman.

Officials said that time has been agreed upon for a visit which has been long in preparation.

Administration officials described it primarily as a courtesy goodwill trip, but one which will provide an opportunity for Mr. Truman and Mr. George Marshall, the Defense Secretary, on such issues as West European defense, German rearmament, and Indo-China.

Mr. Michael McDermott, State Department Press Officer, said he knew nothing about the visit by French Premier Rene Pleven, which Paris dispatches said might come before the Auriol trip.

Mr. McDermott said there have been no discussions with the French on that subject.

Diplomats said if Mr. Pleven wants to come to Washington the State Department would consider possible agenda, but there is no present intention to take the initiative here.

Madame Auriol will accompany the President and they will be guests at Blair House, the President's temporary home, for at least part of their visit. —Associated Press.

RAID ON OPIUM DEN

A Police party raided an opium den at an unnumbered hut at Lin Fa Kung Hill Bay View at 10:30 last night when they arrested nine opium smokers and seized six pipes, one stem, 27 small pots of prepared opium and eight lamps.

However, the keeper of the den managed to escape before the Police arrived.

The nine smokers were arraigned before Mr. Reynolds at Central this morning charged with smoking in an opium den. With more than one previous conviction, Leung Sang, 29, printer, was fined \$250 or six weeks, Lau Foon, 34, hawker, Chan Tai, 40, coolie, Ng Chi, 35, seaman, were each fined \$200 or six weeks, while Yuen To, 28, printer, Lau Cheung, 37, coolie, Choi Chiu, 62, hawker, Ng Tung, 28, waiter, and Li Tong, 34, waiter, were each fined \$100 or four weeks.

The smoking paraphernalia was ordered to be confiscated.

Illegal Export Of Kerosene

A fine of \$200 was imposed on Sin-Tan-hay 38, master of motor junk M3847, by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon this morning for attempting to export three tons of kerosene being prohibited and unmanifested cargo.

His junk was intercepted at Lymoon Pass when clearing for Macao. Five oil tanks were found on board containing kerosene. The kerosene was ordered to be confiscated.

When passing sentence Mr. Wicks said if the people of the Colony would abide with the spirit of the regulations this type of offence could not arise.

GIRL BEGGAR

An 8-year-old girl, who was caught begging in the streets, was fined two dollars or three days by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon this morning. He was ordered to Battery Street on Friday afternoon and charged with cruelty to animals.

Two War-Time Scenes From Korea



Here are two contrasting scenes from the war front in Korea. Above Chinese prisoners rounded by US Marines in the frigid mountains of North Korea. Opposite, two mascots of the Middlesex Regiment, a Korean boy whose parents were killed and who has been renamed Sandy, and a black and white rabbit. They are seen at a British front line position north of Seoul. — Pictures by AP and London Express Service.

STILL FASTEST

None of the Russian jets' pictures has been reported faster than the American F-86 Sabre, which recorded a speed of 671.98 miles an hour over a measured course at Muroc Base in California last year.

US airmen in Korea have several times reported sighting Russian jet fighter that looked very much like the better known MIG-15. The captured film has enabled the Air Force to note slight differences between the MIG and the Type-15 which were not clearly evident from air observation.

The film further showed that Russian planes are developing along lines familiar to the US Air Force. One sequence pictures a formation of TU-4 "Tupolev" bombers that are so similar to the American B-29 Superfortress that most observers would be unable to distinguish between the two types.

The Russians also are using a two-engined transport whose fuselage is almost identical to the Douglas C-47, but with a nose wheel like that used on the latest series of Martin transports. —Associated Press.

Congress Rejects Two Bills

Washington, Jan. 2. Bills to make an estimated 88,000 Asians in the US eligible for American citizenship, and to provide burial benefits for Philippines veterans died with the passing of the 81st Congress.

Proponents of both measures were hopeful of reintroducing them and securing their passage early in the session of the 82nd Congress now started.

Both bills died in the Senate. The House of Representatives had approved them.

The Philippines veterans burial benefit bill did not get out of the Senate Finance Committee. Committee Chairman Walter George polled the Committee in its final hours in an effort to send the measure to the Senate floor, but members said later "several members" declined to approve it on the ground that it needs "further hearings."

Mr. George said he would introduce the bill again immediately. Representative Olin Tongue of Texas said he would reintroduce the bill in the House.

The Asian citizenship bill applied to about 85,000 Japanese, 3,000 Koreans and 145 Polyneasians who have become permanent residents of the United States. —Associated Press.

Eight Strokes For Indecent Assault

Eight strokes of the cane were ordered to be given to a 17-year-old apprentice carpenter, Tam Shun, by Mr. Winter this morning at Kowloon for indecently assaulting a 12-year-old girl at Shek Kip Mei village yesterday.

The girl was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and examined, but was found to have been beaten unharmed.

FOKI'S CRUELTY

For carrying 18 chickens, ducks and geese tied together with one grass and overhanging a 14-year-old shop foki was fined \$10 by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon this morning. He was ordered to Battery Street on Friday afternoon and charged with cruelty to animals.



Witness Demonstrates Revolver To Jury

Li Pui, owner-manager of a noodle shop in Cheung-shawan Road this morning brandished a rusty but fireable .45 calibre Colt revolver at a jury in the Supreme Court. He was demonstrating to the Jury how the gun had been leveled at him by one of five men who had eaten a meal in his shop, refused to pay the bill, then robbed him instead.

Fishermen's Offences

For being underway without a certified coxswain and a certified engineer and breach of his licence conditions, Ip Loung-ke, 24, master of fishing-boat No. 6088A, was fined \$150 by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

According to the Prosecution, defendant's boat was intercepted off Repulse Bay on Thursday night and was found to be fitted with mechanical means of propulsion, but there was neither a qualified coxswain nor engineer on board.

At the approach of the Marine Police launch, defendant switched off the motor and attempted to hide it by covering it with a piece of cloth, the prosecuting officer added.

Defendant, pleading guilty, stated that the motor was installed for use in case of emergency.

Lei Kam-tai, master of sailing-junk No. 1670HA, appeared on similar charges, was also fined \$150 by the Magistrate.

Mr. Low told defendants that it was clearly stated in the licence books that no mechanical means of propulsion could be installed and they had paid no attention to it. He warned them that should they appear before him in future they would be more severely dealt with.

Chased Thief For 500 Yards

Sentence of two months and six strokes of the cane, with an order to be expelled, was given to Ma Koon-ken 23, unemployed by Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning for larceny of two dollars from the person.

According to Inspector Hill, complainant Li Kwoh-wah, a woman, while walking along Po Ho Street had two dollars extracted from her pocket.

Two constables who were off duty at the time saw the incident and arrested defendant while driving the car down a Chinese woman pedestrian who received slight injuries.

Police said his assailants may have sought the detective's revolver but ran off without it. —Associated Press.

20 GERMANS AND A CAT AWAIT 'INVASION'

Hamburg, Jan. 2.

Twenty Germans and a cat were tonight huddled on Heligoland, grimly awaiting the Anglo-German "invasion" fleet due to sail at 2 a.m. GMT from Cuxhaven in an effort to prise them off the rocky North Sea Island.

The invasion plan calls for two boats—the British patrol craft Eileen with 15 German police and the RAF launch A-4 which may bring armed British Marines.

SENT TO HOUSE OF DETENTION

A Finnish crew member of the mv Grete Maersk, Olaf Nakkara, 21, was sent to the House of Detention by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for remaining in the Colony after the departure of his vessel which left Hongkong on January 1.

Sub-Insp. L. G. Nippard said that Nakkara and two other crew members of the mv Grete Maersk went ashore on New Year morning. When the two of them returned to Kowloon, they found the ship had already left. However, they were just in time to catch the agent's motor-boat. They were subsequently transferred to the pilot boat which took them to the vessel, as she was going out of the harbour. The agents were told that Nakkara was still ashore.

Nakkara returned to the wharf at noon, but the vessel had already left her berth.

He turned up at the Police Station at about 2 p.m., saying that his steamer had sailed without him. He had only five cents in his pocket.

The Grete Maersk is expected to return to Hongkong some time at the end of January or early next month, Inspector Nippard added.

Nakkara pleaded guilty and offered no statement.

Mr. G. Hensen, representing the agents, Jepsen and Company, told the Magistrate that the company was not prepared to provide board and lodgings for Nakkara.

Mr. Low, convicted, and cautioned Nakkara, and said that since the agents were not prepared to pay for his upkeep, he would have to send him to the House of Detention until the return of the vessel.

They produced three revolvers described as being "about one foot in length" and tied and gagged the occupants, departing around 3:30 a.m., with \$600, 4 gold rings, and a large amount of clothing.

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10½ Hours Of Water a Day

It was officially announced this morning that, starting tomorrow, the Colony's daily water supply will be restricted to ten and a half hours.

At the present restrictions provide for a 12-hour supply.

Beginning tomorrow water through taps will be available from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The new restrictions are necessary because existing storage is insufficient for daily consumption.

Mail Notices

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CLOSING TIMES BY AIR

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